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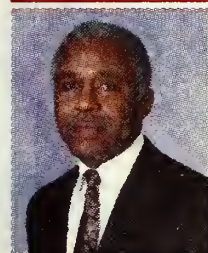
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By Dr. Charles Bullock
President GBSC

Beginning Anew

The month of January begins a new calendar year, but it is the beginning of more than just a calendar year.



Dr. Charles
Bullock

As disciples of Christ, let us use the month of January and the year 2006 to begin a new year of a greater commitment to Christ, his mission and ministry, a determination for deeper

worship and witness. We have entered the New Year without passport or baggage checking. We did not have to use a visa to cross over into the New Year, nor did we have to leave behind anything we wanted to bring over.

We have, however, the opportunity of leaving behind the baggage that would cause us to worry over opportunities we never took, chances we let pass, or dreams we never followed. To continue to brood over decisions made that were not profitable rob us of the strength and vitality needed to accomplish that which God has pur-

posed for us to accomplish. The Apostle Paul challenged us to "...forget those things which are behind, and reach for those things which are before." He challenged us as he to "...press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

George Stewart put into words sentiments about this time of the year in an article entitled **Life's Unguarded Frontier**. He writes:

"We are before another allotment of time, a new year with fresh, clean pages on which we must write a record with fingers damaged by our yesterdays. For some, fingers are stiffed with age, cramped with rheumatic pains, for others fingers have lost their cunning by negligence or have never gained skill because of lazy habits. Others must write with fingers scarred by accident, twisted by too many heavy burdens, still others must write with young fingers which have not yet learned the ways of toil and of life, fingers calloused of soft,

young or old, serviceable or ineffective, hands that tell our character and our history as truly as our faces; our speech, or our hearts."

Two thousand six provides clean pages for each of us to:

- Be better stewards of our time, talents and treasures.
- Increase our commitment to be more caring and sharing.
- Pray for and support local, state and world missions.
- Study and obey God's Word.
- Become more involved in the mission and ministry that God has provided through the General Baptist State Convention.

God has given each of us a gift or gifts and these gifts are to equip us for His service, to build up the body of Christ. We invite each of you to commit and recommit your gifts through prayer, support and participation in the ministry of our convention. We have a great convention. Together, we can continue to do great and meaningful ministries that will positively affect humanity. We call upon each pastor, moderator, missionary,

laymen, usher and others to join hands, hearts, and gifts as together we serve God and humanity through the work and ministry of the General Baptist State Convention. We solicit the prayers, participation and financial support of every Baptist Church in our State.

Please mark your calendars and prepare to load your vans and other vehicles to share the One - Day Session of the Congress of Christian Education on Saturday, February 11, and the One Day Session of the Ushers Convention on Saturday, February 25. Both Sessions will be held at the Benton Convention Center, Winston Salem.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU TO HAVE A BLESSED AND MEANINGFUL NEW YEAR!! ■

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"
(John 1:1).

2006 Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Arlee Griffin
President of American Baptist Churches
in the USA

We are pleased and excited to announce that the Rev. Dr. Arlee Griffin will deliver the annual GBSC Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet Address Friday, January 13, 2006, at the Benton Convention Center, 6:30 PM. Rev. Dr. Arlee Griffin Jr., pastor of Berean Missionary Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. Griffin, currently is President of American Baptist Churches USA, has served

as a member of the General Board and its Executive Committee, the Board of National Ministries and the ABCUSA Nominating Committee, and has served as vice president of the Board of Managers of The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. He is also a member of the Shaw University Divinity School Trustees.

Evangelism Late Night Worship
Pastor Les Howard
Galilee Missionary Baptist Church
Blacksburg, SC



Rev. Dr. Arlee Griffin

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By Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.,
1st Vice President

The U.S. House of Representatives passed, albeit narrowly, a \$50 billion budget cutting bill that clearly illustrates what and whom those leaders are concerned with. As is most often the case in this country, poor and low income Americans did not make the list.



Dr. Howard
Parker, Jr.

BlackAmericaWeb.com reported that the House voted 217 to 215 to approve the bill, which would deny food stamps to more than 200,000 low income people each month and cut basic food aid by nearly \$700 million over five years. In addition, federal funding for child sup-

port enforcement efforts would be eliminated, and states would be able to impose new co-payment and premium fees on Medicaid beneficiaries while reducing the services the program provides. The bill also included provisions for an increase in student loan interest rates and fees.

The National Center for Children in Poverty predicts that the reduction in social programs will lead to increases in the number of people who are either uninsured or underinsured, living in unsafe or unstable housing or are homeless, and families that don't know where their next meal is coming from. With the House plan, more and more families and children will be pushed deeper into poverty. This is a direct contradiction of President Bush's promise to help "uplift

the poor," made after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina shed some much needed light on the state of poverty.

The House could have saved the same \$50 billion by lowering the prices Medicaid pays for prescription drugs or reducing the payments made to managed care plans. The House could have cancelled two tax cuts scheduled to begin January 1, designed specifically for wealthy people. According to the Brookings Tax Policy Center, a nonpartisan think tank, these new tax cuts will be added on to existing cuts that provide tax breaks of just over \$100,000 a piece to individuals earning over \$1 million a year.

The Gospel of Matthew 1:23 says, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they

shall call His name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

As a people, many of us understand that God has been with our forefather's and mother's and with us and if we continue to call upon Him and serve Him, and Praise Him, He will continue to be with us. We've come this far by faith. Therefore, with all that may and can go wrong in life and for all that can bring hardship, I submit that this is the season to be joyous because God is with us.

The plight and state of affairs of the GBSC over the last several months should be able to serve as a witness that God is still with us.

On behalf of State Mission may each of you have and experience a blessed and joyous Christmas and realize a wonderful New Year!!

To the General Baptist Family of God in NC

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, D. Min.,
2nd Vice President



Dr. Nilous Avery, II

"To the General Baptist family, together with all the saints throughout the world: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:1b-2, NIV paraphrased). As I write this article, the New Year is in full swing. It promises to be a year that will compel us to confront faith-testing challenges and raise critical questions that will greatly impact our legacy of ministry for the present age and years to come.

As we move forward, we must be equipped, empowered, and encouraged to wage spiritual warfare with renewed energy, enthusiasm, excitement, and

enlightenment. Through it all, God must be glorified, and God's people must be edified.

In his letter to the church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul warned the Christian community to never underestimate the strength and impact of our Christian duty to resist and overcome satanic warfare.

Eugene Peterson summarizes Ephesians 6:10-18 in his paraphrase, *The Message*:

"God is strong, and [God] wants you to be strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and his angels.

Be prepared. You're up against far

more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out."

General Baptists, we must PRESS ON! We must be fueled by a faith in God that embraces the past, enhances the present, and envisions the future. We must:

- PRESS ON by supporting the General Baptist State Convention and its objectives with our gifts and service.
- PRESS ON by endeavoring to

worship, work and witness for the Lord.

- PRESS ON as we continue to exhort one another with prayer and supplication.

- PRESS ON as we strive to support President Bullock, the Vice-Presidents, officers, auxiliaries, GBSC staff, and all who labor for the Lord through the General Baptist family.

- PRESS ON by vigorously supporting the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention as we "build a better world through Christian missions."

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV). Amen.

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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

The Fall 2005 Undergraduate Induction Ceremony



Dr. Leonzo Lynch

By Leonzo Lynch,
3rd Vice President

The Fall 2005 Undergraduate Induction Ceremony was held Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Willie E. Gary Ballroom of the Student Union.

The Ceremony began as Idoreyin Montague read the Pilgrim biographies and Donald Mitchell, Jr. gave the Charge to the inductees. James McCleave pinned the new members and Donald Mitchell, Jr. presented each member with a certificate. The 2005 class of Pilgrim inductees for the Fall 2005 are Dominique Broadnax and Debbie Norris. The inductees into the Society are: Annette Tillery, Antonio L. Merrick, Clinette C. Eley, Ebony Johnson, Gary Hines, John E. Scott, Keshia Staton, Patrice Gist, Telvin

Debnam, William Britton, Antonio Bradley, Cheryl Gatling, Cody L. Logan, Evelyn Herbin, Jennifer Davis, Justin Moore, Lloyd Knight, II, Shameka Johnson, Wesley Brooks and Annie Thompson.

Special recognition was made by the Society members to Suzanne France, former Administrative Assistant to the Executive Vice President, for her outstanding contributions to the Society. Recognition was also given to President and Mrs. Newsome and Mr. Perry and his wife Dr. Irene Perry, Special Assistant to the President for Church Relations. Special remarks were made and a closing prayer was given by Leon D. Parker.

Congratulations to the new members and to the current Society members for a marvelous evening that left each of us in attendance proud to be a part of the Shaw University family!

"Strides to Excellence: Only the Best!"

News from the Central Children's Home

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
Fourth Vice President

Jesus said unto them, can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? Matthew 9:15



Rev. Ricky Banks

The psalmist wrote that after a night of weeping, joy cometh in the morning. (Psalms 30:5). Christ was concerned that our joy be full (John 15:11). Ecclesiastes says that there is "a time to weep, and a time to laugh" (3:4). Paul, in Galatians 5:22, lists "joy" as a fruit of the spiritual life. Nero, in a film version of the persecution of the early Christians, could not understand how the martyrs radiated smiles and joy and met death singing praises.

Joy belongs to those who belong to Christ; yet so many are afraid to feel it or to express it. They are reluctant to avail themselves of this beautiful way of life.

Pray that others may see Jesus in you by the radiant joy in your face.

Our monthly report from our Children's Home is in 2006, out of all we

went through in 2005 we still have "Joy". We have "Joy" because God is with us, and our supporters are still doing what you can. God be praised for all you do for our Children's

Home. Our population is currently 28, the Genesis Academy has successfully begun its third year, the links program has expanded and is doing well, the contract with N.C. Alliance for Youth has been renewed, as you see we still have "Joy". There are some needs that we will mention in the February report, so until next month keep us in your prayers, and call us 252-339-3438 or 252-335-5003 if you have any questions.

Thought For The Month:

"A Time For JOY"

Matthew 9:15

By Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice President At Large

This announces officially my candidacy for the office of President of the General Baptist State



Dr. John H. Grant

Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated during the 139th Annual Session to be held on October 30 thru November 2, 2006. I want to thank the Convention family for your confidence in electing me over the last two decades to each of the six positions each of the six times I have offered myself as a candidate.

My present candidacy is the seventh time I am offering myself for elected office. I am asking for your vote of confidence one more time. I am committed to the office of President functioning in conformity with the President's constitutional duties:

1. Preside over the deliberations of the Convention,
2. Appoint committees as per the Convention constitution.
3. Preside over the Executive Committee.
4. Perform any and all other duties appertaining to the office of the Presidency.

Why support my candidacy? I submit five reasons:

1) Certifications

Accepted Jesus Christ as Lord, called by God, licensed and ordained into the Gospel Ministry at a young age.

2) Qualifications

EDUCATION:

- Bachelor of Arts, Benedict College, Columbia, SC
- Master of Divinity, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY
- Doctor of Ministry, Atlanta Theological Association & Erskine Seminary
- USC Graduate School, Central Philippine University

EXPERIENCE: Past & Present (Partial Listing)

- Baptist pastor for 33 continuous years
- Pastor, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Asheville since 1989. Visit church website for additional pastorates.
- Member, GBSC General Board and Executive Committee for more than 20 years
- Current GBSC Vice President At Large & Chairman of the General Board

Chairman Grant Announces Candidacy For GBSC

Challenges, Choices, Changes, Credibility

- GBSC First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary
- Founding Chairman/President/CEO, Eagle Market Streets Community Development Corporation
- Founding President & CEO, Mt. Zion Com. Devel., Inc.
- Co-Founder of Community Outreach, Inc., which provided Child Care and Youth Summer Day Camp
- Founding Chairman, Cleveland County Community Coalition of Churches
- Vice President and President, Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry
- President, Asheville's Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
- Instructor, Shaw University C.A.P.E.

3) Recognitions

- More than five million dollars raised for community projects through non-profit community organizations founded, co-founded and led by Dr. Grant.
- Recipient of the 2004 North Carolina NAACP Minister of the Year Award
- City of Asheville Proclamation: "Dr. John H. Grant Day" October 5, 2003
- Martin Luther King, Jr. "2001 Church of the Year" award for "reflect-

ing the spiritual values of Dr. King's stand for social and economic justice ..."

- Project Nurturing Asheville and Area Families: Cited in Asheville as a "National Model of Care" in reducing Minority Infant Mortality
- Elizabeth Grant Hill Campus of Learners: Founded with the support of Dr. Grant's cousins—former NFL great Calvin Hill and wife Janet; and current NBA Orlando Magic star Grant Hill and wife, R&B recording star Tamia. Cited as the "2001 Faith-Based Initiative of the Year" by the NC Association of Community Development Corporations.
- 1993 Minority Enterprise Week "Minister of the Year;"
- "Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition" in 1993, 1995 and 2004
- Buncombe County's list of "100 Most Influential People"

4) Dedications

- To Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- To Family: Wife, Belinda; Children, Kontia & John
- To Pastorate: Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Asheville

(CANDIDACY, continued page 4)

2006 Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet

(CANDIDACY, continued from page 3)

- To GBSC Objectives
- To presiding over the Convention, appointing committees as per the Convention constitution, presiding over the Executive Committee, and performing any and all other duties appertaining to the office of the Presidency.

5) Presentations

My Presidential platform is centered on:

- Identifying relevant Convention challenges
- Making appropriate and informed Convention choices
- Implementing necessary Convention changes

• And restoring Convention credibility

Details are available online at mtzionasheville.org. As Vice President At Large and General Board Chairman, I have led in: 1) conducting Board self-assessments, 2) adopting accountability policies, and 3) taking Board meetings and Listening Sessions across the state to restore credibility and help the Convention be more responsive to concerns/needs of pastors and churches.

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2006 General Board Meeting Schedule:

1. March 23 – 10:00 AM (Place TBA)
2. May 9 – 1:00 PM (Wilmington)
3. July 24 – 1:00 PM (Winston-Salem)
4. September 21 – 10:00 AM (Place TBA)
5. October 30 – 1:00 PM (Place TBA)

Board members please put these dates on your calendars.

* Article V. Section 6.1.

General Baptist State Convention Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BANQUET

Ticket Form

Dr. Charles T. Bullock, PRESIDENT GBSC
Rev. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary Treasurer GBSC

JANUARY 13, 2006

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Dinner Menu
Plated Presentations dinner
Entrée Includes a Salad
Roasted Herb Chicken Breast
Served with Dauphincise Potatoes
Sautéed Baby Vegetables
Warm rolls with butter, regular and Decaffeinated coffee and iced tea
Dessert



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ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUEST FOR:

General Baptist State Convention of NC

January 13, 2006

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Additional Guests: _____

PLEASE CHECK PREFERRED ACCOMMODATIONS

All accommodations are based on availability. Contact hotel directly for suite information.

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Special Requests: _____

Marriott Club Level rooms include continental breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres.

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

To God be the Glory for the great things He has done! For He has brought us through another year and has started us on a journey into the New Year. "He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater; He sendeth more strength when the labors increase. To added afflictions He addeth His mercy, To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace. When we have exhausted our store of endurance, When our strength has failed ere the day is half done, When we reach the end of our hoarded resources, Our Father's full giving is only begun. His love has no limit; His grace has no measure; His power has no boundary known unto men. For out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth and giveth and giveth again!" (Annie Johnson Flint)

"But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."
Mark 9:39-41

*Ministry of Missions

- **County and Community Missions:** an out-reach ministry to provide spiritual strength to those in need
- **The Family Altar:** a united effort on the part of family members to keep the family fires burning through daily prayers and Bible reading.
- **Self-Denial - Stewardship Tithing:** Much of the conventional work is supported through tithing, free-will and self-denial offerings of the members.
- **The State-wide Leaders' Workshop:** This workshop, held in April, provides information and training to Officers, Committee Chairpersons, and Special Workers, on how to become efficient leaders on the state and local levels.
- **The Leadership Training Conference:** This five-day Conference, held annually the first week of June, provides training for missionaries as leaders in church, community, and convention activities.
- **The Youth Bible Camp:** This five-day, three week camp program for youth is held annually in June at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, located in

Laurel Hill, NC. Programs and activities are designed to meet the needs and interests of young people as they are prepared to become efficient followers and leaders in churches, unions, auxiliaries, and throughout the world.

• **The Missionary Training Institutes:** These institutes are designed to provide special training for missionary leaders and workers in the churches, city and county unions, and auxiliaries, through the study of special text books, convention literature and publications. The institute classes are taught by the Convention's certified personnel.

• **The Missionary Mass Meeting:** This meeting provides an opportunity for seniors, young adults, and youth to assemble in local, city or county gatherings to share missions progress and encourage one another in Christian service.

• **Youth Inspirational Meetings:** These meetings are designed to motivate our young people in their commitment and involvement in Christian service.

• **Youth Evangelism Conference:** This Conference, held the first Saturday in November, provides a prayerful and spiritual atmosphere for teaching youth about salvation, why and how to witness, and offer testimonies of their faith through growth in Christ.

• **Young Adult Fellowship Meetings:** These meetings consist of spiritual activities offering thanks and adoration to God as well as growth through fellowship.

• **Young Adult Retreat:** a retreat held the first Saturday in June for mutual discussion and fellowship.

• **Ministers' Wives Retreat:** a retreat held the first Saturday in May for strength and fellowship.

• **Family Missions Conference:** held the fourth Saturday in September for strengthening the family.

• **Central Children's Home and WBC&FMC Day:** a biannual program during August at the Central Children's Home to encourage the children in educational endeavors.

* **Information Source:** Missionary Guide and Handbook revised 1996

God continues to assign to our hands to give a "cup of water" to drink in His name, along with the parent body, GBSC, reflecting on some of the missions of Christ Jesus demonstrates that His Spirit has led and continues to lead the Woman's Convention in His charge to keep.

"He Giveth More Grace"

All praise be unto God our Father in heaven, Savior and Lord, and our Enabler! Why the Woman's Convention? Is it that God is giving more grace through these missionary helpers to assist others in Jesus' mission? Let's stand together in unity and Prayer

The Proposed Missions' Budget for 2005-2006 is \$819,055.00 which will be distributed among the objectives. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

Happy New Year!

THE 2006 CALENDAR

JANUARY

(Prayer Month for STATE MISSIONS)
14- One Day Session, Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem

FEBRUARY

(Prayer Month for NATIONAL MISSIONS)

APRIL

Prayer Month for Foreign Mission
1 - State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, Raleigh Civic Center
16- Easter

MAY

6- Ministers' Wives and Widows

Weekend Retreat

JUNE - 3 - Young Adult Retreat
5-9 - Leadership Training Conference, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
11-16 - First Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
18-23 - Second Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
24- Missions Prayer Day (County Unions, et. al.)
25-30 - Third Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

JULY

23-27 - Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Winston-Salem

AUGUST

(Prayer month for THE FAMILY)
14-18 Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

SEPTEMBER

4-8 National Baptist Convention
23- Family Missions Conference

OCTOBER

(Prayer month for SHAW UNIVERSITY AND SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL)
13-Shaw University Founder's Day Convocation

14 - WBSC Institute Workers' Workshop, Baptist Headquarters

NOVEMBER

4 - Youth Evangelism Conference
6- World Day of Prayer (BWA - Woman's Department)
23 - Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

25 - Christmas Day

*Convention Purpose

POSITION OPEN: BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Auxiliary to GBSC, currently is seeking applicants to serve as a Bookkeeper/Accountant. Applicants should meet the following qualifications:

- Have an Associate or Bachelors degree in bookkeeping and/or accounting
- Have efficient knowledge of computer operations in terms of spreadsheets and general ledgers and any other bookkeeping/Accounting procedures (Peachtree Software)
- Have adequate typing skills
- Have ability to relate to people
- Have team spirit.

The salary is negotiable; good benefits.

For further information and applications, please write to:

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Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education Coordinator

Bible Study tools

Here is a list of suggested "tool books" to assist (recommended but not required) in this study, or any study of Bible Books and Bible Subjects:

1. English dictionary.
2. Bible concordance.
3. Bible dictionary or encyclopedia.
4. Bible commentary.

In addition to these basic "tools" for Bible study, there are many other helps such as Bible atlas or geography, and word study books of various types, specialized studies upon various subjects, and varied Bible versions.

- 1. English dictionary. The sincere Bible student will use a competent dictionary to know the exact meaning of the Bible version he is studying.
- 2. Bible concordance. Concordances printed as an appendix to the Bible are necessarily incomplete. Two concordances - Strong's and Young's - are complete.
- Only by comparing Scripture with Scripture will the student discover adequate understanding of his studies.
- 3. Bible dictionary or encyclopedia. These helps vary both in completeness and in doctrinal bias. Naturally the latter is the more complete.
- 4. Bible commentary. These helps also vary in completeness and in doctrinal bias. They also vary in objective. Some are devotional; others are scholarly.

These four helps will supply the Bible student with materials to make a thorough study of the biblical text of the versions that he has chosen. The more Bible versions that the student possesses, the more the student must remember that no Scripture is of private interpretation. Scripture must agree with Scripture.

Two other helps deserve attention: the Bible atlas or geography and Bible histories.

- 1. Bible atlas or geography. These helps vary in completeness but enable to study to visualize geographical and environmental relationships.
- 2. Bible history. These helps vary in completeness but enable the student to relate biblical events with each other and with other secular histories.



Rightly
Dividing the
Word of Truth

1. WHAT is the nature of the word of God? "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a

discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12.

2. WHAT did Christ say to the Jews concerning the study of the Scriptures? "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." John 5:39

3. By what comparison is it indicated that some portions of God's Word are more difficult to understand than others?

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers; ye have need that one teach you again which be the principles of the oracles of God; and are become such have need of milk, and not of strong meat." Heb. 5:12.

4. In what way is this comparison further explained? "For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Verses 13,14.

5. What writings are specifically mentioned as containing some things difficult to understand? "And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction." 2 Peter 3:15,16.

6. Who alone comprehends the things of God? "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." 1 Cor. 2:11.

7. How thoroughly does the Spirit search out the hidden treasures of truth? "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." Verse 10.

8. What is one purpose for which the Holy Spirit was sent? "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26.

9. Why cannot the natural man receive the things of the Spirit? "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2:14.

10. For what spiritual enlightenment should every one pray? "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous

things out of Thy law." Ps. 119:18.

11. For what spiritual gift did the apostle Paul pray? "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him." Eph. 1:17.

12. Upon what conditions is an understanding of divine things promised? "Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." Prov. 2:3-5.

13. What great blessing did Christ confer upon His disciples after His resurrection? "Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures." Luke 24:45.

14. What beings of a higher order than man desire to study the truths revealed in the gospel of Christ? "Which things the angels desire to look into." 1 Peter 1:12.

15. What is promised him who wills to do God's will? "If any man will [willeth to, R. V.] do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself." John 7:17.

16. How did Christ reprove those who, though familiar with the letter of the Scriptures, failed to understand them? "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God." Matt. 22:29.

17. What are the Scriptures able to do for one who believes them? "And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3:15.

18. When asked by the rich young man the conditions of eternal life, to what did Jesus direct his attention? "He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?" Luke 10:26.

19. Whom did Jesus pronounce blessed? "But He said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." Luke 11:28.

20. What did Christ say concerning the book of Daniel? "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)." Matt. 24:15.

21. What other book of the Bible is especially commended for our study? "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy [the book of Revelation], and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Rev. 1:3.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The New Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches

Author: Hiscox, Edward, Author: Goodwin, Everett C.

This guide helps Baptist churches understand the nature of their ministry and operation.



Portia Brandon

"HISTORY LESSON"

Submitted by Marta Mason

- Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.
- John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.
- Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.
- John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.
- Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.
- Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.
- Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.
- Both Presidents were shot in the head. Now it gets really weird.
- Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.
- Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln.
- Both were assassinated by Southerners.
- Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.
- Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.
- Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.
- John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.
- Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.
- Both assassins were known by their three names.
- Both names are composed of fifteen letters.
- Now hang on to your seat.
- Lincoln was shot at the theater named 'Ford.'
- Kennedy was shot in a car called 'Lincoln' made by 'Ford.'
- Lincoln was shot in a theater and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse.
- Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theater.
- Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.
- And here's the kicker...
- A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland
- A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

Congress of Christian Education

One Day Session 2006

By Janifer S. Campbell, Congress Dean

The One Day Session of the State Baptist Congress of Christian Education will be held on February 11, 2006 at the Benton Convention Center located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM. The Opening Assembly will commence at 9:00 AM. Two one-hour sessions of classes will be offered to equip the saints for the ministry. Delegates will have the opportunity to take one class each session. Session 1 will be held from 9:45 AM-10:45



Diane Newell

AM and Session 2 will be held from 10:50 AM-11:50 AM. During this time period the youth will be blessed with a program designed to promote their spiritual growth and development. The One Day Session will close with a Spirit filled worship service.

Classes to be offered:

DIVISION 1: Ministerial Development
Ministerial Ethics
Seminar for New Pastors and Ministers

DIVISION 2: Leadership Development
Re-Thinking Christian Education
Conducting Effective Church Meetings
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DIVISION 3: The Sunday School
Implementing Strategies to Build an Effective Sunday School

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Reaching the Unchurched

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DIVISION 6: Youth Ministry
Oratorical Contest Interest

DIVISION 7: Biblical & General Studies
The Power of Prayer
Old Testament Study
New Testament Study

DIVISION 8: Music Ministry
Developing Your Music Ministry

DIVISION 9: Youth Division
Youth Assembly Program
North Exhibit Hall

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Trent River Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association

Dr. W. K Raynor, Moderator



Sister Doris Jones

The Trent River Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association has a newly crowned Queen for 2005. As part of the fund raising efforts of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary of the Trent River Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association an annual queen's rally is conducted to support the Association building fund. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary has held the fund raiser for approximately twelve years.

This year Sister Doris Jones, a member of the Evening View Missionary Baptist Church of the Georgetown Community, Jacksonville, NC, was crowned during Annual Session of the Association in October 2005. Sister Jones raised in excess of \$14,000 which will benefit the Association's building fund. Sister Jones is to be commended for her devotion and hard work in a job exceedingly well done.

Usher's Convention

"Bless the Lord Oh my Soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name"

Mrs. Helen M. Thompson, President
Usher's Convention

November 12, 2005 was a blessed day for the North Carolina Ushers Convention at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. The Adults and Youth workshop was enjoyable and informative. We received information on the importance of fire safety in our churches and some things to do in case of an emergency. We discussed how we would go about organizing ushers in a new church. We learned how hard it is to just sit still not talking, moving or thinking about anything for just a few minutes. It can make difference in our communication with God. We need to take time for Jesus. The Youth gave a very good recap



Helen M.
Thompson

of their session.

Like any other work in the church, ushering needs to be understood and studied if it is to serve the best interest of people, our Lord and his Church. The organizers of the Ushers Convention knew this when they started the One Day Session Workshop each year. Come and magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together on February 25, 2006 at the Benton Convention Center, Winston Salem, NC. Plans are being made to involve our Youth in ushering and participating on the program. The Youth Supervisors have prepared a very informative and active workshop. The Adult facilitators, Dean, Assistant Dean and First-Aid/Nurses Aid have plans for all Adult Ushers.

Please make plans to attend our ONE-Day Session. Your prayers, attendance and financial support are needed.

There is strength in numbers and Knowledge for Service in The Bible and our manual

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CANDIDATES ADVERTISEMENTS MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO BEING PUBLISHED IN THE BAPTIST INFORMER.

ALL CANDIDATES SHOULD SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2006.

GBSC CONSTITUTION Article V Section 1. Election of Officers

All officers of this Convention and its auxiliaries shall be elected annually with the exception of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. (The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for an indefinite period of time.) All officers shall be elected to serve not more

than four (4) consecutive years in office without having vacated that office for at least one (1) year.

Section 2. TENURE OF OFFICE

Tenure of office shall consist of four (4) one (1) year consecutive terms and shall expire at the end of the fourth (4) year in office.

Section 3. HOW ELECTED

Officers of this Convention shall be elected by a majority vote of voting delegates, and on recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Before any election is conducted, the presiding officer shall give opportunities for nominations to be made from the floor. The voting shall be conducted by means of a standard secret ballot; with four (4) delegates elected by the Convention to serve as a teller. A ballot shall be distributed to each delegate who shall then be prepared by the Nominating Committee. Each candidate will be allowed to run for only one office.

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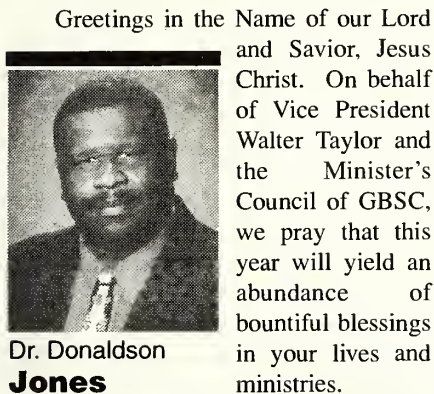
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Leadership Summit 2006

Dr. Donaldson, President
The Minister's Council



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Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On behalf of Vice President Walter Taylor and the Minister's Council of GBSC, we pray that this year will yield an abundance of bountiful blessings in your lives and ministries.

by the Grace of God and your humble servant, I'm blessed to serve as Pastor.

Our 2006 Distinguished Lecturer will be The Rev. Dr. Julius Richard Scruggs, Vice President of The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and Pastor of The First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL. Mark your calendars.

The Best Western Hotel of Rocky Mount will give the GBSC Minister's Council guests the same rate in March that the guests for the Mount Zion First Baptist Church One-Day Men's Conference will receive in February. The Mount Zion First Baptist Church will be the place to be in the next couple of months.

Do yourself a favor and don't miss a moment of it. Blessings upon you.

Men's Day Conference

Theme:

"Dedicated Men Growing to Become God's Instruments"

Saturday, February 11, 2006
Time: 9:00AM - 12 Noon

Facilitator: Deacon Harold L. Simmons, President
National Baptist Laymen's Movement
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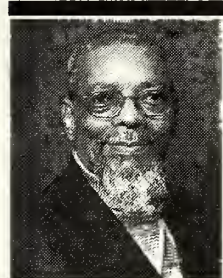
Sweet Heart Fellowship - 6:00PM
Speaker: Deacon John Gladden,
President
Layman's League, General Baptist
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Refreshments

Dr. Donaldson Jones, Pastor

National Baptist Laymen's Movement

Harold L. Simmons is a born again Christian who loves the Lord. He is a man who lives and exemplifies Christ in his everyday life. He is totally committed to the Laymen Ministry of working with Men and Boys.



Deacon John
Gladden

Harold L. Simmons is the seventh President of the National Baptist Laymen's Movement auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Before Simmons was appointed President, he was serving as the National Baptist Laymen's First Vice President. He has actively served in various capacities in the Laymen Movement for over 25 years. Simmons served faithfully as the National Junior Laymen Director for a number of years. On the State level, he has served as: Kansas State Laymen President, Special Assistant, Treasurer, and various positions locally.

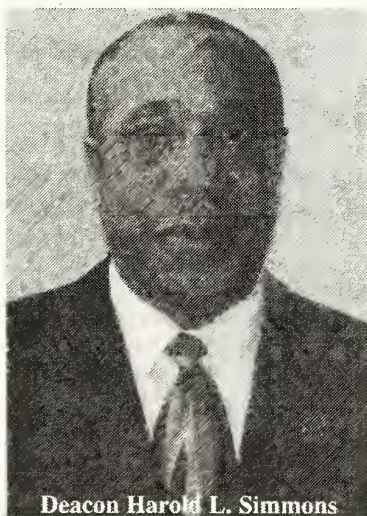
Harold L. Simmons is a lifelong member of the Eighth Street Baptist Church of Kansas City, Kansas. He has served in many positions at the Church; Laymen President, Secretary of the Deacons

Ministry, Chairman of the Deacon Ministry, and many other Servant Leadership positions. He is currently the Church Business Administrator and a Sunday School Teacher.

On Simmons professional level, he is retired from the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department after more than 29 years of service. He worked in various positions within the Police Department: Assistant to the Police Chief as the liaison to the Community, Director of Community Relations, D.A.R.E Instructor, Homicide, Juvenile, Assaults, Robbery, Fraud, and Community Policing, to name a few.

Harold L. Simmons has been the recipient of many outstanding achievement awards such as: Outstanding

Leadership 2000 Alumni Award, Dorothy B. Davis Outstanding Citizen Award, Outstanding Man of the Year by the Fifth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and many others. One of Simmons most valued achievements was the John L. Webb award that honors the National Baptist Laymen's Movement Outstanding Laymen



Deacon Harold L. Simmons

of the Year. He is a life member of the NAACP.

Harold L. Simmons is a graduate of Kansas City, Kansas Community

College with an Associate of Arts Degree and has completed Religious Course Work from Midwestern Theological Seminary of Kansas City, Missouri and Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

He has received extensive training from Law Enforcement Schools and Seminars. Harold L. Simmons is married to Doris W. Simmons. They have twin daughters and two grandchildren.

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2006 Trinity Session

Election Year

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Goldsboro, N C

It's Time to Act - Tips from the Health Ministry

Dr. Anita Holmes,
Executive Director

By now, many congregation members have probably heard about Medicare Part D: Prescription Drug Plan Benefit. Unfortunately, many potential beneficiaries and their caregivers are probably also trying to put the pieces of a somewhat complicated puzzle together. While, a simple solution cannot be promised, there are a few key points to keep in mind:

All individuals receiving Medicare are eligible for this prescription benefit. HOWEVER, you must enroll.

Enrollment began November 15, 2005.

Individuals signing up by December

31, 2005, will be eligible for coverage beginning January 1, 2006. Persons not enrolling before May 15, 2006 (end of initial enrollment period) are subject to a continuous penalty for late enrollment (1% per month for every month enrollment is delayed).

In NC, there are presently 16 companies offering 38 different plans.

Based on income and assets, you may enroll for "Extra Help" through Social Security to assist with the costs of participating in these plans. You may contact Social Security at 800-772-1213 or TTY 800-325-0778 or online at www.socialsecurity.gov. Enrollment for this program is separate from Medicare-Part D. There is a specific enrollment process for each one. Even if you do not qualify for Extra Help, you may still enroll in one of the Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.

Choose wisely, different plans

offer different benefits (such as drugs/dosages covered, different premium costs, participating pharmacies). Assistance with enrollment is available. For example:

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Medicare (800-MEDICARE/ 800-633-4227 or online at www.medicare.gov. TTY users call 877-486-7048.

Also, look for local community events, programs, and other organizations that are helping to carry the message such as the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) at 888-OUR-AARP/888-687-2277 or online at www.aarp.org/medicarerx and Medicare Today at www.medicaretoday.org.

And, you may also contact the General Baptist State Convention of

NC Health and Human Services Program/Center for Health and Healing (919-572-6374 Durham, Raleigh, & Chapel Hill or 800-972-6374) for a resource near you.

Throughout this process, be careful about fraud and abuse. Make sure that you receive advice from official representatives of organizations offering help and companies selling plans. Also, be careful about giving information over the telephone to persons you do not know. We have been advised that Medicare does not make house calls or phone calls and will not ask for Social Security, Medicare, credit card, or bank account numbers.



Anita
Holmes

Shaw University Divinity School

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III - 8:30AM
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Augusta
GA

SUDS Alumni
Service -
11:30AM
Dr. James E.
Arnette, Raleigh,
NC

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. - 7PM
Olivet Institutional Baptist Church,
Cleveland, OH

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr. -
8:30AM
Metropolitan Baptist Church,
Washington, DC

Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Akin, - 1:30PM
Southeastern Baptist Theological
Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Rev. Dr. Ivan Douglas Hicks - 7PM
First Baptist Church North
Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Rev. Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant -
8:30AM

The Empowerment Temple,
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Rev. Dr.
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Bishop John Bryant - 7PM
Presiding Prelate of the Fifth
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Friday, March 24, 2006

Holy Communion Service
Bishop J. Douglas Wiley - 10:30AM
Live Center Cathedral - New Orleans,
LA

As you can see, we anticipate quite a program and you will not want to miss it. For more information on the Ministers' Conference, please con-

sult

Minister Doris Sanders, Conference Coordinator by calling (919) 546-8569 or via email: divinityconference@shawu.edu.

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- Should be familiar with the doctrines, practices, and principals of the Baptist Church.
- Should have five years of experience in the ministry.
- Must show compassion for the sick, bereaved, and others needing the spiritual assistance of the word of God.
- Must be faithful in the stewardship of the church's resources.

The list of above qualifications is not all-inclusive, but offer insight into the qualifications of the candidate for this position.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume. Please be sure to include relevant information such as applicable telephone numbers, email addresses, seven letters of reference with telephone numbers, addresses and other pertinent information. Please note, all pertinent paper work should be submitted by March 31, 2006.

Please send the completed packet to: Pastoral Search Committee
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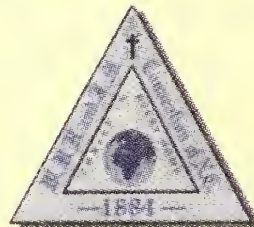
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It's Another New Year . . .

"And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you." Joel 2:25 (KJV)

The lesson is straightforward and clear: There is nothing or no one too hard for God, no one too far for Him to bring back, no one too deep in sin, in bondage, in despair that He will not gently and lovingly embrace, cleanse liberate and restore!

No matter what has happened to you in the past, God's goal is to bring you to a condition where the negative issues of the past no longer affect your present and future life in Him.

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Good News! Praises To God and His People

By Dr. Charles Bullock
President GBSC

Much of the news today is sad, negative and regretful. Such is not the description of the General Baptist State



Dr. Charles
Bullock

Convention's housing report; there is good news. In the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd in 1999, the General Baptist State Convention, in its mission to provide for displaced families, committed to a major rebuilding project in Princeville; a town devastated by the flood.

Along the way, we encountered major challenges, convention changes, and yes, nay-sayers. However, with continued faith in God and the dedicated commitment and hard work of faithful leaders, there is good news to report.

In a General Baptist Housing Committee dinner sponsored by the GBSC Foundation held December 15, 2005, Mr. Dexter Perry, Project Facilitator, presented in visual form the success story of our ministry in Princeville.

Special thanks to God and His people for a job well done. We are grateful to our team leaders: Executive Secretary Treasurer, Reverend Haywood Gray; Chair of Trustees, Dr. David Forbes; Chair of the General Baptist Foundation, Mr. Dexter Perry;

and Housing Committee Chair, Reverend Vince Rozier for their effective leadership. They were persistent and remained faithful to the task of negotiating, planning and implementing the many facets of this major undertaking.

They report that we have met all obligations related to Floyd Infrastructure Grant Rules in Princeville. Lots have sold, houses built, houses sold and occupied. Praises for a job well done! "Praise God! What a Christmas present! A little more than a year ago there was so little hope or prospect for extrication and vindication. What a mighty God we serve," said Dr. David Forbes. "The final closing was done on December 15, 2005. This satisfies our grant obli-

gations related to the infrastructure and lots. The road looks great and the entire neighborhood is a wonderful addition to the Princeville township," stated Mr. Dexter Perry. During the visual presentation, we witnessed the beautiful road, homes and heard firsthand the jubilant expressions of gratitude from the homeowners, many or most of whom were first-time homeowners.

What a wonderful blessing to end the year 2005 and begin the year 2006 with this positive report as we continue to "serve the present age"! More GOOD NEWS from Navassa is forthcoming.

MAY GOD GRANT EACH OF US A BLESSED AND MEANINGFUL NEW YEAR!

Thanks to the GBSC Family for the 138th Annual Session

By Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice President At Large



Dr. John H.
Grant

To: Dr. Charles T. Bullock, President; Rev. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Howard Parker, First Vice President; Dr. Nilous Avery, II, Second Vice President; Dr. Leonzo Lynch, Third Vice President; Rev. Ricky Banks, Fourth Vice President; auxiliary presidents, other elected and appointed Convention officials, staff, moderators, pastors, messengers from across this

great state of North Carolina, visitors and friends.

Moderators James E. Roberts and Bruce Oliver, along with the churches and pastors of the Mud Creek and Waynesville Associations of Western North Carolina, join me and the Mount Zion Church family in thanking you for both choosing and coming to beautiful Asheville, N C for the Convention's 138th Annual Session. It was our goal to make your visit glorious, enjoyable, and memorable. Your feedback to us indicates that we reached our goal. Financially, we had one of the best sessions in recent memory. Praise be to God!

For months, our host and planning teams met regularly and worked dili-

gently making preparations for your arrival. We are pleased that you honored our City and churches with your presence. Our mayor and elected officials also send their thanks for your presence. We extend a standing invitation to the General Baptist State Convention family to come again soon.

You are always welcome to the beautiful "Land of the Sky." May God's blessings and benedictions be upon each of you as you strive to walk in the will, way, work and word of God! It was, indeed, a pleasure and honor to be your hosts for the 138th Annual Session!

2006 General Board Meeting Schedule:

1. March 23 - 10:00 AM (Place TBA)
2. May 9 - 1:00 PM (Wilmington)
3. July 24 - 1:00 PM (Winston-Salem)
4. September 21 - 10:00 AM (Place TBA)
5. October 30 - 1:00 PM (Place TBA)

Board members please put these dates on your calendars.



Our 139th Year

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State Mission: The General Board

By Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.,
1st Vice President

Our Constitution states that the General Board shall be made up of 127 members from each auxiliary, moderator of associations and from the Convention. The president of each auxiliary shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Board.

Dr. Howard
Parker, Jr.

The constitution also states that the General Board shall elect an Executive Committee of 150 and shall supervise the work of the Executive Committee. The General Board shall do the work of the Convention during

the interim of its session.

Many individuals have a desire to serve on the General Board because of the work that is set before it. The privilege and honor to be a member of this Board says that others have taken notice of your gifts and abilities and the belief is that a person comes to the Board with something to offer both the Board and the Convention.

As you have noticed, some persons are on the Board by the position they hold within the Convention or their association. Still others are members of the Board by vote of the Board itself; nevertheless, to have 127 individuals to serve on one Board that is charged with during the work of the Convention, in the best interest of the Convention is sometimes asking a lot.

Like many individuals who have

served and currently serve on the Board, I have attended meetings in the past when there might have been five or six items listed on the agenda to handle for that meeting, which would start around 10 am and by 3 pm we might be at the fourth item. If you did not know, by 3 pm people start to leave to return back home, depending on the location of the meeting for that day.

Over the past several months, the Board has tried to improve the working habit of its' responsibility by putting in place some policies, in writing, to bring full attention as to what a Board member should be doing. To-date, there are three such policies and for two of the policies, a Board member is supposed to sign and date the policy indicating that the Board member has read the policy and agrees to abide by the policy.

New Board members will receive a copy of the policies as they elect to serve by virtue of their respective positions and others will be voted on to reach that total number of 127.

In Part II, I will share with you General Board Policy #GEN-1001, "Board Covenant/Code of Conduct Policy." This policy suggests seventeen things a Board Member is supposed to do and then sign and date the material suggesting that they agree to follow the policy. It talks about things like attending meetings regularly and not holding up the meetings with an abundance of talking, to being financial supportive, to knowing not when to talk at all. If you think this policy does not have teeth, it does, because failure to comply with this policy may be just cause for dismissal from the General Board.

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, D. Min.,
2nd Vice President

To the holy and faithful sisters and brothers in Christ of the General Baptist State family: Grace and peace to you from God our head-lifter, soul-keeper, peace-provider, and eternal refuge. I thank God because I have "heard of your

faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints..." (Colossians 1:4, NIV). I thank God because in the midst of a world that often encourages and embraces a "look out for #1" attitude, the body of Christ continues to serve as a model of true stewardship.

Christian stewardship is based upon the principle that God is the owner and we are managers of God's creation. The psalmist clearly states: "The earth is the

Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it..." (Psalm 24:1). The body of Jesus the Christ was founded upon the principle of loving and giving. God so loved the world that He gave His only son to the world and for the world (John 3:16).

Christian living is based upon loving and giving. One Old Testament prophet suggested that the failure to give a certain percentage of one's possessions for God's work is thievery and robbery — stealing from God what rightfully belongs to God (Malachi 3:8-10). Jesus the Christ taught His followers to give, promising them rich spiritual blessings in return (Luke 6:38). The apostle Paul implored Christians to give to God's work, not reluctantly or grudgingly, but with a cheerful, grateful, purposeful, and liberal heart (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Most individuals, particularly Christians, must be challenged to

be/become better stewards (managers) of all that God has enabled them to possess. Can others see in us the desire and motivation to serve as the very presence of the Christ here on earth? In other words:

- Our confession must be matched by our character;
- Our profession must be matched by our performance;
- Our shouting must be matched by our sharing;
- Our church service must be matched by our community service;
- Our worship must be matched by our work and witness;
- Our living must be matched by our giving;
- Our forgiveness from God must be matched by our forgiveness of others;
- Our upreach must be matched by our outreach;
- Our claim of inner grace must be matched by our outward show of goodness toward others;

• Our blessings from God must be matched by our blessings shared with others!

Jesus spoke of those who need to experience the helping and healing hands of Christian stewards who are committed to the cause of the Christ (Matthew 25:35-36). I am confident that the General Baptist family is a collection of individuals, churches, and associations who are faithful stewards that shine as lights to help others catch glimpses of God's truth and love in action.

Shine today by becoming a faithful steward of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and other objectives of our Convention. Please endeavor today to become a beacon of light in the work of God through your sacrificial support of the General Baptist State Convention, which invests generously in the foreign missions field through Lott Carey and others.

"To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen." (Romans 16:27, NIV).

Christian Stewardship



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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

Shaw University Financial Aid

By Dr. Leonzo Lynch,
3rd Vice President

Q. Are students required to pay the full cost 'before' they register?

A. All students are advised to apply for financial assistance early enough to have awarded amounts deducted from the total cost at the time of registration. Students are required to pay one-half of the cost not covered by financial aid at the time of registration. The remaining balance must be paid within thirty days of registration.

Q. What type of payment options are available to students who do not qualify for financial aid?

A. Students who do not qualify for financial aid are offered the following options:

Option 1: Pay one-half of the total semester cost due at the time of registra-

tion and receive a thirty-day deferment for the remaining balance.

Option 2: Apply for a monthly installment plan through AMS (Academic Management System). AMS operates on a ten-month payment schedule with the first payment due the month of June. Students who wait until August to sign up with AMS will be required to bring current any payments due for the period.

Q. What is AMS?

A. AMS is a financial management company who in agreement with Shaw University will arrange for a students remaining balance owed to be paid in monthly installments through their agency for a small enrollment fee. Student payments are mailed directly to AMS who in turn will send the payments to Shaw for credit to the students account.

Q. How much does it cost to sign up with AMS and how can they be contacted?

A. The enrollment fee for AMS is \$50.00 (fifty dollars) per applicant. The number for AMS is 1-800-635-0120.

Q. How often will I receive a statement of my account from the University?

A. Student statements are mailed to their home address at least three times per semester. Statements of a student's account may be generated and issued at any time during The semester per the students request.

Q. Whom should a student contact to inquire about a statement or payments?

A. Always feel free to contact the Bursar's Office.

Q. Does the University accept credit card payments?

A. Yes, the University accepts MasterCard and Visa.

Q. How much should be set aside for the purchase of books?

A. The estimated cost for books per semester is \$350.00.

Q. What are the options for purchasing books?

A. Books must be paid for at the time of purchase. Students who are eligible for financial assistance to cover the cost of books may be issued a book voucher

to purchase books.

Q. What is a book voucher?

A. A book voucher is a type of payment document issued to those students who have enough financial aid awarded to cover the cost of books. Book vouchers are issued for the amount of aid remaining after cost deductions are calculated.

Each students account will only be charged for the amount of monies that are used for the purchase of books and other necessary supplies.

Q. If for some reason a student has to leave school, will there still be a charge?

A. If a student leaves 'during' the withdrawal period and submit an 'Official withdrawal form', a percentage of the original amounts will be charged. Students who fail to submit an official withdrawal form, will be charged the full amount due. Students who leave after the withdrawal period, will be charged the full amount due. Students who withdraw from the University as a result of 'Suspension or Dismissal' will be charged the full amount due.

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GBSC CONSTITUTION Article V

Section 1. Election of Officers

All officers of this Convention and its auxiliaries shall be elected annually with the exception of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. (The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for an indefinite period of time.) All officers shall be

elected to serve not more than four (4) consecutive years in office without having vacated that office for at least one (1) year.

Section 2. TENURE OF OFFICE

Tenure of office shall consist of four (4) one (1) year consecutive terms and shall expire at the end of the fourth (4) year in office.

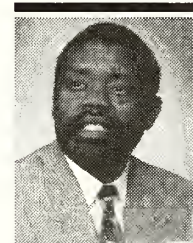
Section 3. HOW ELECTED

Officers of this Convention shall be elected by a majority vote of voting delegates, and on recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Before any election is conducted, the presiding officer shall give opportunities for nominations to be made from the floor. The voting shall be conducted by means of a standard secret ballot; with four (4) delegates elected by the Convention to serve as a teller. A ballot shall be distributed to each delegate who shall then be prepared by the Nominating Committee. Each candidate will be allowed to run for only one office.

News from the Central Children's Home

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
Fourth Vice President

Isaiah 55:6 "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near."



Rev. Ricky Banks

We live in a world of walls. The Berlin Wall is a grim reminder to Eastern Europeans that they're cut off from free access to Western Europe. Today people are imprisoned behind walls of a different nature. We're walled off from others by a different language, color, nationality, social strata, or financial status. We sometimes create our own walls, imprison ourselves behind the walls of habits and attitudes that cut us off from being the free and full human beings that God intended.

Though there is something in man that hates the wall, God alone is capable of breaking through whatever barrier

stands between us and Him. Isaiah 55 is addressed to the exiles from Palestine. Here God urges His people to break down the walls of unfaithfulness and return to Him.

Christians are promised that God is willing and waiting to give all things to His children, if we will but receive. We need again to hear His Word. Seek Him while He can be found, call on Him for He is now near, forsake our evil ways and thoughts and turn to the Lord. When we do, He will have mercy and will, without reservation, forgive us.

On behalf of Mr. Alston and his staff we thank God for all you are doing for our Children's Home. God be praised for thinking about us. We have received your pledges, prayers, and concerns, and for that we are convinced

everything is going to be all right. During our March report we will update you on how we are coming along with our projects to improve our Children's

Home. So until next month God's blessings be with you, and call us at 252-335-5003 or 252-339-3438.

Thought For The Month:

"God's Universal Love"

Woman's Convention

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

"Be Still..."



Dr. Priscilla
Brodie

May we express our thanks to God our Father in heaven and to you for the One-Day experience in January. How great our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is! How enabling in the Spirit of God!

So very swiftly does time come and go, for here it is that we find ourselves in the second month of the New Year of 2006. February, in which we usually emphasize love and history of Afro-Americans. In keeping with the dual purpose mentioned, let us review very briefly the history of God/Jesus Christ with mankind. Because God is love, He is the greatest Lover and the greatest Giver. Desiring to give Himself in love, God created mankind, who fell into sin. Still loving mankind, He had a plan for redemption. Therefore: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." We are exceedingly grateful that God included Afro-Americans, as well as other people, in His Love.

Kaharina Von Schlegel wrote, "Be still my soul; thy God doth undertake...To give the future as He has the past. Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake; in all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still my soul; the waves and winds still know...His voice who ruled them He dwelt below..."

Let us be still and think of the goodness of God toward us. We recall that many years ago Christian woman stood still and allowed the hand of God to lead them into a new era which gave them the opportunity to be His disciples and witness and to use their spiritual gifts to serve Him more efficiently through ministering to and with other persons of local churches and other church related agents in regard to the mission of Christ. Our historical statements, now given briefly, reveal that the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention (WBH & FMC) is an auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., (then called the Educational and Missionary Convention) was organized in 1867. "As the fields grew whiter and the laborers increased, there was a great need for a Woman's Convention in

North Carolina," which would reach 'back into the minds and hearts of men.' (See 1867 - 1967: The Centennial Celebration of the General Baptist State Convention...)

Thus in 1884, "some North Carolina Missionary Baptist women felt the call to mission and responded by banding themselves together under the leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Henry Martin Tupper (himself an American Baptist missionary, founder and first president of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina) and formed the Woman's Convention. Among some of the founders were Mrs. N.F. Roberts, Mrs. Hattie E. Shephard, Miss Helen Jackson, Mrs. Sallie A. Mial, and Mrs. B.E. Green." (See *A Handbook And Study Guide for Missionary Women*.) "The women felt they could render a more effective service by bringing together the widely scattered missionary societies under one banner." (See *History of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina*.)

Over the years, the Convention has experienced tremendous growth. Very early in the organizational plan, the leaders saw the need to educate children in Christian and missionary education. A Junior Department was organized in 1924, and in 1971, the name was changed to Youth Department. In 1964, the Young Adult Department was formed to bridge the gap between the already existing seniors and the youth.

In 1946 the Convention assumed the position of Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention (GBSC).

It was saintly and dedicated women of the past who extended their hands far and near through mission. Baptist women of today, having received this great and Godly legacy, must add the gift and keep the torch lighted by involving themselves in Christ's mission through missions.

As members of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention with the parent body, we are missionaries who have a mandate to help spread and live the Word of God. By joining together in the Convention as members of local churches, we are able to pool our spiritual gifts, resources, skills, talents and time to do the most good for those in need.

REMINDERS

1. **Self Denial Envelopes:** Please write to the Woman's Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh NC 27602 in order to receive these, or fax your request to 919-833-7599.
2. **Housing Reservation Forms:** Please contact the Woman's Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602 for the 122nd Annual Session WBHFMF forms.
3. **State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, April 1, 2006:** Pre-Registration will be \$10.00; On-site, \$11.00 Pre-Registration deadline is March 11, 2006. Please contact us if you do not receive this information. The State-Wide Leaders' Workshop will be held at St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, April 1, 2006.
4. **Budget:** for 2005-2006 is \$819,055.00 which will be distributed among the objectives. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.
5. **Quotas 2005-2006** are being sent out to church missionary circle presidents or a contact person. If your church has not received a suggested quota, please write the Woman's Convention at P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602, or contact the Convention Office immediately at (919) 833-4823. Please give us the name of contact person, mailing address and telephone number, and the name and location of church. Missionary Unions, Auxiliaries and District Conferences will receive quotas this year also. ■

POSITION OPEN: BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Auxiliary to GBSC, currently is seeking applicants to serve as a Bookkeeper/Accountant. Applicants should meet the following qualifications:

- Have an Associate or Bachelors degree in bookkeeping and/or accounting
- Have efficient knowledge of computer operations in terms of spreadsheets and general ledgers and any other bookkeeping/Accounting procedures (Peachtree Software)
- Have adequate typing skills
- Have ability to relate to people
- Have team spirit.

*The salary is negotiable; good benefits.
For further information and applications, please write to:*

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BLACK HISTORY CALENDAR



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JANUARY

- 1 Emancipation Proclamation signed - 1863
- Slave trade abolished in the U.S. - 1808
- 3 William Tucker, first black child born in America - 1620
- 4 National Negro Baseball League organized - 1920
- 5 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity founded - 1911
- 9 Fisk University founded - 1866
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity founded - 1914
- 13 L. Douglas Wilder (VA) inaugurated as first elected African-American governor - 1990
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority founded - 1913
- 15 Dr. M.L. King Jr. born in Atlanta - 1929
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority founded - 1908
- 16 All-black 99th Pursuit Squadron formed during World War II - 1941
- 17 Robert C. Weaver, first African-American U.S. cabinet member - 1966
- 20 First African Baptist Church organized - 1788
- Hiram Revels appointed first African-American U.S. Senator - 1870
- Patricia R. Harris, first African-American woman named U.S. cabinet member - 1977
- 22 AME Zion Church organized - 1816
- 23 24th Amendment, abolishing the Poll Tax, passed by Congress - 1964
- 31 13th Amendment, abolishing Slavery, passed by Congress - 1865

FEBRUARY

- 1 NC A&T students in first lunch counter sit-in - 1960
- 3 Blanche K. Bruce elected senator from Mississippi - 1874
- 4 Free U.S. blacks settle in Liberia - 1822
- 7 First Negro History Week - 1926
- 12 NAACP founded - 1909
- 13 Harlem Rens, first all-black professional basketball team, organized - 1921
- 14 Clifford Alexander, first African-American Secretary of the Army - 1957
- 18 Morehouse College founded - 1867
- 21 Malcolm X assassinated - 1965
- 25 Muhammad Ali wins his first Heavyweight Championship - 1964
- 27 Charlotte Ray first African-American female lawyer - 1872

MARCH

- 2 Howard University chartered by Congress - 1867
- 5 Crispus Attucks, first to die in the American Revolution - 1770
- 6 Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision denying blacks the right of citizenship - 1857
- Virginia State University founded - 1901
- Ghana becomes first African nation to achieve independence - 1957
- 9 NC A&T University founded - 1891
- 13 Chicago was founded by Jean Baptiste DuSable, pioneer - 1779
- 16 First issue of FREEDOM'S JOURNAL, first U.S. black newspaper - 1827
- 17 West Virginia State College founded - 1891
- 20 Ralph Bunche wins Nobel Peace Prize - 1950
- 21 Selma to Montgomery voting rights march begins - 1965
- 28 Bill Russell, first African-American head coach in the NBA - 1966
- 30 15th Amendment, giving freed slaves the right to vote, ratified by Congress - 1869
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority founded - 1923

APRIL

- 1 Hampton Institute founded - 1868
- 3 John Thompson, first African-American coach to win NCAA basketball championship - 1984
- 4 Dr. M. L. King Jr. assassinated in Memphis - 1968
- 6 Matthew Henson co-discovers the North Pole - 1909
- 7 Biddle College (now J.C. Smith University) founded - 1867
- 8 Hank Aaron breaks baseball's home run record - 1974
- 9 Marion Anderson sings on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial - 1939
- 11 Spelman College founded - 1883
- Jackie Robinson, first African-American in baseball's Major Leagues - 1947
- 19 Cheyney University (PA), first U.S. black college, founded - 1837
- 24 First African-American student enrolls at University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) - 1950
- 24 Chuck Cooper, first African-American drafted in the NBA - 1950
- Samuel Gravelly, first black admiral in U.S. Navy - 1971
- 29 Lincoln University (PA) founded - 1854

MAY

- 2 First National Negro Baseball League game - 1920
- 6 First black Masonic Lodge, founded by Prince Hall - 1787
- 10 Nelson Mandela elected first black president of South Africa - 1994
- 14 John B. McClendon, first African-American professional basketball coach (ABA) - 1969
- 17 Supreme Court's Brown vs. Board of Education decision outlawing school segregation - 1954
- Oliver Lewis, an African-American jockey, wins the first Kentucky Derby - 1875
- 18 Supreme Court's Plessy vs. Ferguson decision upholding the "separate but equal" doctrine - 1896
- 19 Patricia R. Harris, first African-American female ambassador - 1965
- Willy T. Ribbs, first African-American driver in the Indianapolis 500 auto race - 1991
- 26 Congress passes the Voting Rights Bill - 1965

JUNE

- 3 Wesley Brown, first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy - 1949
- 9 Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American female astronaut - 1992
- 10 AME Church founded - 1794
- 18 Booker T. Washington dies - 1910
- 19 Thurgood Marshall first African-American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court - 1967
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated - 1968
- 22 Joe Louis wins the Heavyweight Championship - 1937

JULY

- 1 Clarence Thomas, second African-American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court - 1991
- 2 Civil Rights Bill passed by Congress - 1964
- 3 Jackie Robinson, first African-American elected to baseball's Hall of Fame - 1962
- 4 Tuskegee Institute founded - 1881
- 5 Liberia becomes an independent African republic - 1847
- 6 Althea Gibson, first African-American to win the Wimbledon Tennis Championship - 1957
- 7 Satchel Paige, first African-American pitcher in baseball's American League - 1948
- 10 Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performs first successful open heart surgery - 1893
- North Carolina Central University, first publicly-supported African-American liberal arts college in the South, founded - 1910
- 23 14th Amendment, giving citizenship to slaves, ratified by Congress - 1868
- 26 Fr. Patrick Healy, first African-American to earn a Ph.D. degree - 1865

AUGUST

- 1 First Issue of BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine - 1970
- Gen. Roscoe Robinson, first African-American 4-Star general (Army) - 1982
- 9 Jesse Owens wins fourth Gold Medal at the Berlin Olympics - 1936
- 13 First issue of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN newspaper - 1892
- 20 First African slaves arrive in America (Jamestown, VA) - 1619
- 25 Dan Bankhead, first African-American pitcher in major league baseball - 1947
- 28 The "March on Washington" and Dr. M. L. King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech - 1963
- 30 Col. Guion Bluford, first African-American in space - 1983

SEPTEMBER

- 1 North Carolina Central University Law School opens - 1939
- 9 Constance Baker Motley, first African-American female federal judge - 1966
- Association for the Study of Afro-American Life & History founded - 1915
- 12 Dr. Mae Jemison, first African-American woman in space - 1992
- 22 Xavier University (LA) founded - 1915
- 28 National Baptist Convention organized - 1895
- 29 National Urban League founded - 1910

OCTOBER

- 3 Gen. Colin Powell named Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, highest ranking black officer in U.S. history - 1989
- Frank Robinson, first African-American manager in baseball's major leagues - 1974
- Art Shell, first African-American head coach in the NFL - 1989
- 7 Eddie Robinson (Grambling State University), first college football coach to win 400 games - 1995
- 10 First black Catholic Church in the U.S. organized - 1863
- 13 Meharry Medical College founded - 1915
- 14 Dr. M. L. King Jr. wins Nobel Peace Prize - 1964
- 16 The "Million Man March" in Washington, DC - 1995
- B.O. Davis Sr., first African-American Army general - 1940
- 27 B.O. Davis Jr., first African-American Air Force general - 1992
- 31 Earl Bumpkin, first African-American to play Major League Baseball - 1992

DECEMBER

- 1 Rosa Parks arrested, Montgomery (AL) Bus Boycott begins - 1955
- 4 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity founded - 1906
- 5 National Council of Negro women organized - 1935
- 12 Kenya achieves independence from Great Britain - 1963
- 15 CME Church founded - 1870
- 26 Jack Johnson, first black Heavyweight Champion - 1908
- 27 Dr. Charles Drew, who developed blood plasma, establishes blood bank in New York City - 1941
- First black college football game, Livingstone vs. Biddle (now J.C. Smith University) - 1892

Minority Health Careers Initiative

Cornell P. Wright, M.P.A.
Project Coordinator
Minority Health Careers Initiative
Center for Health & Healing

The Minority Health Careers Initiative (MHCI) is a program that introduces middle and high school age youth to the variety of professional opportunities available in health care. Congregations will sponsor health career clubs and inform students that the health care industry is one of the most rapidly growing areas in the US economy. Club members will be encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities to earn attractive salaries as health care workers while providing a valuable service to the community and the Kingdom of God. The curriculum teaches that health disparities and workforce shortages disproportionately affect minority populations in North Carolina. In order to help close the health gap and diminish or eliminate workforce shortages, more minority youth will need to choose health care



careers. In addition to health careers education, club members will acquire valuable life skills to assist them in pursuing higher education and employment opportunities regardless of their career choices.

The pilot phase of the project began in West Roanoke Association churches. Eighteen congregations have participated in sponsoring ten health career clubs.

Using an original curriculum developed for the initiative, adult advisors expose club members to the large range of careers that make the American health care system work. There is no requirement that adult advisors have a science or health care background.

To facilitate the presentation of curriculum materials, each club's advising team receives a loose-leaf notebook that contains lesson plans, enrichment materials and audio-visual aids. MHCI is funded by the Duke Endowment

through a grant to the North Carolina Hospital Association. Consequently, the financial burden on sponsoring churches is minimal. Sponsoring congregations will also benefit from a health promotion project implemented by club members.

In October 2005, a training session was held for interested churches at North Carolina Central University (NCCU). Partnering with the NCCU Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Health Education Department, adult advisors representing Durham, Raleigh, Wilson, and LaGrange churches received training. After completing the day-long training sessions, the new advisors were prepared to launch clubs. Union Baptist Church, Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church, and Victorious Praise Fellowship in Durham and Baptist Grove Church in Raleigh have recruited youth and started the curriculum. Jackson Chapel First Baptist Church in Wilson and Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in LaGrange will be starting clubs shortly. In the beginning of 2006, the Minority Health Careers Initiative will be expanding to reach churches in the Charlotte,

Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Sanford, and Jacksonville areas.

Students participating in The Minority Health Careers Clubs benefit from established collaborations with the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), the NC Health Careers Opportunity Program (NC HCOP) and the UNC Health Careers Access Program (UNC HCAP). In addition, club members will have access to an email database of scientists and health care workers from around the state who work in areas the students are interested in exploring.

Churches interested in sponsoring a health career club for their youth should contact Mr. Cornell Wright, Project Coordinator, by phone at (919) 572-6374 or by email at cornell.wright@c4hh.org.



Dr. Anita
Holmes

No Balm in Gilead?

Dr. Linda Gilliam
Projects Officer
Center for Health & Healing

February is American Heart Month. Each year, the American Heart Association (AHA) reminds us that exercise, and a diet low in salt and fat make heart attacks and strokes less common. Despite the efforts of the AHA, most Americans ignore the message. We love salty, fried foods and parking as close as we can to the door. It is a wonder that the Heart Association doesn't just give up. But, like the prophets of old, the AHA continues to present a life-saving message year after year. What has to happen before we take their message to heart?

The prophet Jeremiah begged the people of Judah to return to the Lord. He told them that the presence of the temple would not protect them from their enemies. Jeremiah delivered God's message: "...if you truly amend your ways and your doings...then I will dwell with you in this place..." (Jer 7:5-7) And despite Judah's long experience with God's faithfulness, the people ignored Jeremiah's words. Jeremiah continued to carry the mes-

sage, though it must have been frustrating. He prayed for the people he loved and he begged them to repent. When the people refused, Jeremiah began to mourn for them. He lamented, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" (Jer 8:22) The people needed healing but, because they would not listen to God's message, Jeremiah had nothing to offer them.

Though they didn't listen, the people of Judah knew that Jeremiah was right. They knew that it was wrong to neglect those in need and to worship idols. False prophets and corrupt priests told the people what they wanted to hear and the people continued to sin. They resorted to prayer as they saw the enemy approaching, but it was too late and God's people were sent into exile. As the conquerors swept through Judah, the people prayed for immediate relief. What was God's answer? Heed the prophet. Discipline yourselves. Obey the law.

How much like those citizens of Judah are we? We know that God cares about our health and sends messengers to encourage us to live healthy lives, for we read in Proverbs 4:23: Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the well-

spring of life. We know we should eat less and move more, but, we choose to continue our sinful patterns of over-eating salty and fatty foods and avoiding exercise. Just like the people of Judah who ignored Jeremiah when they knew he was right, we ignore the messages from the American Heart Association. We fail to do the right thing for our bodies year after year, then, we get the bad news: high blood pressure, heart disease, kidney failure.

Happily we are not in Judah, and there is a balm in Gilead for us. It is called a healthy lifestyle. This February the American Heart Association will be sponsoring educational events, placing ads in newspapers and running commercials on television. Will you heed the prophet's words? Will you walk more and eat less or will



you listen to the false prophets who tell you that it's okay to eat that whole box of Valentine's Day candy and upsize that burger combo? Will you find your balm in Gilead or will you ignore the message and ride that elevator up one or two flights? It is time to make the right choices. Eat less, walk more and celebrate that God loves us body and soul.

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Saturday, February 11, 2006

8:00 AM - Registration

9:00 AM - Opening Assembly
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9:20 AM - Greetings

9:25 AM - Offering
Music...United Metropolitan
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*9:45AM - 11:50 AM - Youth
Assembly Programs

9:45AM - 10:45AM - Classes
10:50AM - 11:50AM - Classes

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The Power of Prayer

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New Testament Study

DIVISION 8: Music Ministry

Developing Your Music Ministry

DIVISION 9: Youth Division

*Youth Assembly Program
North Exhibit Hall*

11:50 AM- Joint Session
12:50 PM- Worship Period
2:00 PM- Benediction

"The Ties That Bind"

*GBSC Housing Initiative
Phoenix Village Princeville Project
Authored by Dexter Vincent Perry*

This past year, God has really manifested his blessings upon the General Baptist State Convention by bringing forth leadership, success and achievement regarding the Phoenix Village, Princeville, North Carolina and Lena Springs, Navassa, North Carolina developments. One year ago, discussions about these projects were filled with fear, doubt and blame. Today, these discussions are filled with hope, confidence, and thankful-

ness. Oh what a difference one year can make, and oh what a God we serve!

On December 10, 2005 the Housing Committee, chaired by Rev.



Vincent Rozier, held a small Christmas housing dinner at the Farmer's Market in Raleigh, North

Carolina to celebrate the housing accomplishments of this past year. Those in attendance witnessed a video presentation containing pictures of the seven completed homes in Princeville and interviews from some of the new homeowners. Under the provisions of the Princeville Infrastructure & Acquisition Grants, the GBSC was mandated to construct and sell seven homes to Hurricane Floyd victims by December 31, 2005. The Mennonite Disaster Service, through its leadership of Kevin King, Executive Director, and Bernard & Joan Martin, Site Managers, partnered with the GBSC on January 1, 2005 to provide the necessary labor and expertise to construct the homes.

Deloris Farmer, Town of Princeville Housing Counselor, and Tawana Sampson, Mortgage Broker for L&A Mortgage, identified the seven new homebuyers, and Sam Knight, Princeville

Town Manager, certified their status of eligibility for the homes. Once these certifications were received in Raleigh, Andrea Taylor and Tara Kenchen at the North Carolina Community Development Initiative (NCCDI) prepared lot releases and provided them to the closing attorney for execution.

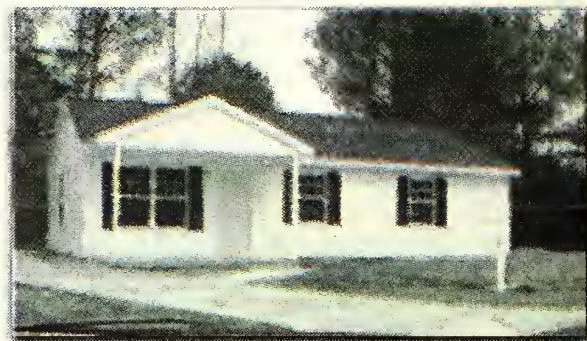
I am pleased to report that ALL SEVEN HOMES HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED AND SOLD AND ARE NOW OCCUPIED BY HURRICANE FLOYD VICTIMS. The GBSC has satisfied its obligation under the grant with respect to this provision, the road has been paved and the State of North Carolina has received documentation to this effect. "To God Be The Glory!" The State of North Carolina is in the process of generating a letter of satisfaction and release concerning the liability of the Princeville Infrastructure Grant, and that letter will be presented to the leadership of

the GBSC once received.

Each of the new homeowners express their genuine thanks and deep felt gratitude to the GBSC,



Mennonites and all who had anything to do with making this possible. I am personally thankful and grateful for what I have been privileged to witness over the past five years. The Lord



demonstrated his awesome power when the tides from the Atlantic Ocean came inland; He demonstrated his compassion through his Disciples who saw a human need and risked everything to meet it. The Lord demonstrated how religion, state and politics can work together when the aim is worthy and purposeful. And the Lord demonstrated through the successful completion of this project that "...with God All things are possible" (Matthew 19:26—Holy Bible (King James Version)) and that no matter how dim or bleak the situation in life appears to be, "We know that ALL things work together for the good of those who love Him and are chosen to be a part of His plan. (Romans 8:28—Holy Bible (New Life Version))."

From of all of the images that I have seen, I will never forget the ties that bind us together as a community of faith and the power that it gives us to "Serve The Present Age".



2006 Leadership Summit

2006 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, March 2, 2006

8:45 AM Praise and Prayer
9:00 AM Official Opening
Welcome
9:30 AM Opening Sermon
Rev. Susan Knight Brooks
2nd Vice Moderator
Deep River Association

9:50 AM The Role of The Associate
Minister
Rev. Dennis Leach,
Pastor, First Baptist
Church, High Point, NC

10:40 AM Break

10:55 AM Reassembly
Vice President,
Rev. Walter S. Taylor,
Presiding

11:10 AM Stewardship Workshop
Dr. Jesse V. Bottoms,
Pastor, Beulah Baptist
Church
Poughkeepsie, New York

12:10 PM Dismissal for Lunch

2:00 PM Assembly
Rev. Roosevelt
Whitehead, Presiding

Health Workshop
Dr. Anita Holmes,
Executive Director Health
and Human Service. GBSC

Sermon
Rev. Jeffrey Simms,
Assistant Director, N. C.
Department of Health and
Human Services

Dismissal

7:30 PM Opening Devotion
Vice President, Rev. Walter
S. Taylor, Presiding

Welcome
Rev. W. R. Burston,
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Dr. Julius R. Scruggs
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LATE NIGHT

10:00 PM Presiding
Rev. Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr.

Devotional Message
Dr. M T. Clowney,
Moderator, Western Union
Association

Sermon
Dr. Elbert Lee, Pastor
North End Baptist Church
Rocky Mount, N C

BENEDICTION

Friday, March 3, 2006

8:45 AM Prayer and Praise
Rev. Billy Holder,
Presiding

9:30 AM Sermon
Dr. Leonzo Lynch,
3rd Vice President, GBSC

9:55 AM Church Conflict
Resolution
Rev. Everett Dickerson
Moderator
Cedar Grove Association

10:45 AM Break

11:00 AM Reassembly
Rev. Larry Allen
Secretary,
Minister's Council

Sermon
Dr. Howard Parker, GBSC

12:15 PM Dismissal for Lunch

2:30 PM Rev. Ronald A. Sullivan,
Presiding

Devotional Message
Dr. Nilous Avery II
2nd Vice President, GBSC

3:45 PM Dismissal

7:30 PM Opening Devotional
Dr Donaldson Jones,
Presiding

Devotional Message
Rev. J. Vincent Terry,
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- 8:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM Devotion
- 9:20 AM Welcome - Dr. Paul Lowe,
Host Pastor, Shiloh Missionary Baptist
Church, Winston-Salem, NC
- 9:30 AM Greetings
- 10:30 AM Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
- 10:35 AM Youth Workshop
Adult Workshop
Nurses Aid Workshop
- 12:20 PM Youth Session Report
- 12:50 PM Sermon
- 1:30 PM Benediction

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Shaw University Celebrates Religious Emphasis Week

Dr. Clarence G. Newsome
President

Reverend Dr. John W. Kinney, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Beaverdam, Virginia, will speak at Shaw University during the Religious Emphasis Week.



Dr. Clarence G. Newsome

The first service was held today, Monday from 11 a.m. - noon. The remaining services are as follows:

Tuesday, February 3rd from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday, February 4th from 11

a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

All services will be held in the Thomas J. Boyd Chapel.

Dr. John Kinney is a native of Wheeling, West Virginia. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, and his Master of Arts degree from Virginia Union University School of Theology in Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Kinney earned his Doctorate of Philosophy in 1979 from Columbia University Union Theological Seminary in New York.

**"Strides to Excellence:
Only the Best!"**

While in his pursuit of theological excellence, he received a variety of fellowships and awards, including the Rockefeller Doctoral Fellowship and the Fellow of the Graduate School from Columbia University. Through his education and gift of preaching, he earned the position of Dean of the School of

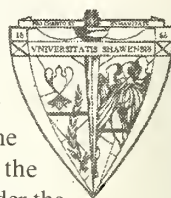
Theology at Virginia Union University.

Dr. John Kinney shows the same passion and dedication to the academy as he does to his parish. He has served as the beloved pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Beaverdam, Virginia, spreading his vision and spiri-

tual guidance to those in the church and in the community.

Reverend Kinney shares his life with his wife, the former Quentina E. McDaniel, and their three children, Earl Quentin, Erika Quevette, and Erron Quincy.

Shaw University, founded in 1865, is the oldest historically Black institution in the South. Since 2003, the University has been under the leadership of Dr. Clarence G. Newsome. President Newsome's leadership pursues the theme: "Strides to Excellence: Only the Best!"



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Bishop John Bryant - 7PM
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As you can see, we anticipate quite a program and you will not want to miss it. For more information on the Ministers' Conference, please consult Minister Doris Sanders, Conference Coordinator by calling (919) 546-8569 or via email: divinityconference@shawu.edu. For early bird registration and additional conference information you may refer to the Shaw University www.shawuniversity.com webpage

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Lott Carey Partnership is Helping Victims Rise Again

LAKE CHARLES, La., Dec. 13 /PRNewswire/ — Three leading African American Baptist communities — Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, National Baptist Convention of America, and National Missionary Baptist Convention of America — are collaborating to help survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita transition into the next phase of rebuilding their lives. At a news conference today, partners shared their roles in taking immediate steps to help victims rise again by announcing the creation of the Resurrection Resource Centers. "Our goal is to go beyond the initial phase of relief to help the people of Louisiana and Mississippi prepare for the road ahead. Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention wants to assist evacuees with services that are not provided elsewhere for them," said Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, the executive secretary-treasurer of Lott Carey.

The Resurrection Resource Centers will assist evacuees in securing local, state

and federal resources available to them. They will also provide pastoral support, counseling and encouragement as well as help victims find employment and temporary or permanent housing. Social work professionals and lawyers will also provide specialized services and comprehensive legal assistance to those in need.

The partnership established its first Resurrection Resource Center at Greater Saint Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Charles, LA.

"Greater Saint Mary Missionary Baptist Church is eager to serve the Lord by helping those displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita," said Rev.

Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr., pastor of the Greater Saint Mary Church and president of the Louisiana Home and Foreign Mission Baptist State Convention. "We are excited to have the opportunity to help establish these centers that will have such

an impact on the victims that have been devastated by these disasters."

The Lake Charles community is now sheltering more than 30,000 people that

were displaced after the hurricanes. At the Lake Charles Resurrection Center evacuees receive shelter, food and clothing as well as mental health screenings, counseling,

prayer, information on availability of relief programs and services and after school support for children. The Center also provides technical assistance to empower churches and other volunteers to respond effectively to the needs of the community. "This type of support speaks to the very mission of Lott Carey. We are about helping people, especially in their time of need," said Rev. J. Michael Sanders, president of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

This unprecedented Baptist collabora-

tion is planning to facilitate and financially support Resurrection Resource Centers in Lake Charles, Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and Lafayette, Louisiana.

Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention has coordinated a unique partnership among the National Baptist Convention of America, the National Missionary Baptist Convention, the Baptist World Aid and the Louisiana Home and Foreign Mission Baptist State Convention and the African American Catholic Congregation to create these centers.

Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention is the premier global mission's agency of African American Baptist heritage. Their international mission is to cultivate ministry, education, and health programs around the world. Since it was founded in 1897, Lott Carey has grown to a network of missional partnerships in 20 countries throughout six regions of the world. Last year, Lott Carey raised over \$3 million dollars for mission support around the world.

WHAT THE CHURCH CAN DO

Obviously, no single congregation can do everything suggested, but a congregation might choose several of the suggested actions or activities.

1. Use the church facilities to provide alternative programs for children and youth.
2. Identify persons in the congregation with access to information and resources related to public safety and youth services.
3. Recruit help from persons from the congregation who work in areas of counseling, law enforcement, health professionals, education, and public policy.
4. Create Bible study related to forgiveness, hope, and healing of persons and neighborhoods.
5. Encourage youth to be active in YMCA and YWCA and other similar programs.
6. Cooperate with other congregations to create summer enrichment programs.
7. Teach the sanctity of life and sense of self worth.
8. Encourage positive peer pressure.
9. Encourage healthy life styles in areas of consumption and recreation.
10. Provide assistance to victims of violence.
11. Expand church sponsored day care programs to include children from low income and single mothers and fathers.
12. Set up programs in our churches for recovery and re-entry of prisoners into society.
13. Identify individual victims of violence in the congregation.
14. Develop a neighborhood watch program to reduce crime.
15. Determine the most serious problems of violence in your community related to

gender and age groups.

16. Teach violence prevention as a part of the church school curriculum.
17. Address the issue of suicide among youth and other age groups.
18. Encourage the pastor to do a series of sermons on the issue of violence and the role of the religious community.
19. Set up mentoring programs for young men and young women.
20. Provide love and caring to youths and children in the church and in the community.
21. Talk to and listen carefully to youth and children.
22. Create Bible study related to forgiveness, hope, and healing of persons and neighborhoods.
23. Emphasize spiritual values for everyday living.
24. Take seriously the imperative in Luke, to "preach the good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captive, recovery of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed."
25. Participate in the redemptive power of God.
26. Teach ways to resolve conflict with nonviolent responses for all age groups starting with preschool.
27. Create an anti-violence week/month.
28. Make a personal commitment to non-violence.
29. Encourage a family commitment to nonviolence.
30. Explore what local church federations and council of churches are doing related

End Youth Violence

to the issue of violence.

31. Create a rap contest on violence prevention.
32. Create a column or article in the church newsletter on violence prevention.
33. Establish an after school or Saturday computer training class.
34. Address the issue of violence on television movies, etc.
35. Create an award or special recognition for acts of violence prevention.
36. Help youth groups develop small business ventures.
37. Create a job placement center in the church.
38. Increase an awareness of basic attitudes and behavior required to secure and hold a job.
39. Work with youths to encourage such habits as punctuality, good grooming and respect for self others.
40. Create cross generational study groups on safe communities committed to meet over a significant period of time.
41. Create seminars on such subjects and youth violence and family and child abuse.
42. Teach individual coping skills.
43. Work closely with nearby schools, adopt a school and its children.
44. Provide space and tutors for after school study programs.
45. Develop effective community responses to problems of poverty and homelessness.
46. Create scholarships for post secondary study and training.

47. Support "stay in school" efforts.
48. Help to address the issue of violence in schools.
49. Take drug and alcohol addiction seriously.
50. Invite to the church such programs as AA suggested (Alcoholics Anonymous), RR (Rational Recovery) and NA (Narcotics Anonymous).
51. Organize support for drug abuse treatment programs.
52. Sponsor anti-drug messages in local media.
53. Promote and monitor academic achievements.
54. Support community anti-drug programs.
55. Adopt children and youth in juvenile centers.
56. Monitor juvenile court systems and offer assistance.
57. Examine such public policies as law enforcement's use of firearms and work to eliminate their excessive use of force.
58. Support legislation and other forms of public policy that emphasizes prevention and treatment.
59. Work for equity in law enforcement.
60. Support good police and community relations.
61. Increase cultural awareness and appreciation.
62. Work to dismantle systemic racism and racial discrimination.
63. Use multicultural materials in church schools and other study programs.
64. Increase cultural awareness.
65. Work to achieve quality in employment, housing and public education.

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February Bible Study

THE TRUTH ABOUT TITHING

1. Q. What Is Tithing?

A. The tithe is the tenth of all things dedicated to the God. The scripture declares that the Lord owns everything. This includes all possessions (Psalm 24:1). By tithing, we acknowledge the ownership of God over all we possess. As one pays rent to the owner of a house to acknowledge his ownership. Leviticus 27:30 tells us that the tithe is holy. Holy means to be "set apart unto God." We must be conscientious to set apart that which belongs to God for His use.

2. Q. What Is The History Of Tithing?

- A. Tithing existed before the law:
1. Abraham - (Genesis 14:18-20)
2. Jacob - (Genesis 28:22)

Tithing existed under the law:

3. The nation of Israel - (Leviticus 27:30-33, Numbers 18:20-32)

Tithing existed under grace:

4. Jesus confirmed tithing - (Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42)

5. Tithing was not created under the law, but prior to it - (Hebrews 7:1-21)

3. Q. Is The Offering The Same Thing As A Tithe?

A. No. It is a gift to God in excess of our regular tithe.

It is given above and beyond that which is required.

A distinction is made between the two in the Word of God. (Malachi 3:8)

4. Q: Why should I give tithe and offerings?

A. We give tithe and offerings because God asks us to. It is our acknowledgment that everything is God's and that we are His stewards. God also says He will bless abundantly when we give out of thankfulness and love for Him. (Malachi 3:10-12, Psalm 24:1, Psalm 8:6, Deuteronomy 16:10, 11.)

5. Q. Where do I bring my tithe?

A. In the OT according to Malachi 3:10 the tithes were brought into the STOREHOUSE, which for the Jew, was the Temple at Jerusalem. According to Acts 4:35,37 and Acts 5:2, the Christians brought their tithes and offerings to the Apostles' feet. According to 1 Corinthians 16:1,2 the Christians at Corinth were to collect their tithes & offerings and bring them to their local church at Corinth, or 'lay by him in store' on the first day of the Week, Sunday.... Today, the STOREHOUSE for your tithe is your LOCAL CHURCH. It is not God's plan for you to give your tithe wherever you decide.

6. Q. Who does the tithe belong to?

A. According to Leviticus 27:30 "the tithe is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord" ten percent of your gross income belongs to God. Hebrews 7:8 reveals to us that Jesus receives the tithes and because Jesus is our high priest He (Jesus) takes our

tithes before the Heavenly Father and worships the Father with our tithes. Jesus takes the tithes you return to Him and the offerings you give to Him and He worships the Father with them. Hallelujah!!!

7. Q. What will happen after I give my tithes & offerings?

A. Acts 20:35 - you will be blessed and happy with joy knowing you have obeyed the Lord....

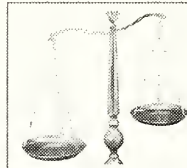
Luke 6:38 - God will use other people to bless you financially....

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by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" [2 Cor. 9:9-15]

10. Q. Should I tithe from my take-home pay or my gross income?

A. Gross. Consider this question: Who deserves the first and best part of our income? The federal and state governments, or the living God? (The answer is



Truth Or Tradition?

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

- John 8:32

LORD!!!

8. Q. What about if I choose not to tithe?

A. Those who refuse to tithe, God calls them robbers. He curses them for robbing Him!

"Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me - the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." [Mal. 3:8-10]

9. Q. What do I get in return for tithing?

A. Apostle Paul answers that question in the Second Letter to the Corinthians. "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity which will produce thanksgiving to God through you; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God

clear; see Proverbs 3:9.) In the United States, the government takes taxes off the top, but Christians should nevertheless choose to give God the first and best portion. We should not allow the tax structure to keep us from giving generously to the Lord.

11. Q. Can a portion of my tithe go to secular charities?

A. No, it is best to give to the church first. The idea of the tithe is to give the first and best of one's income to the Lord (Proverbs 3:9). It is the Lord who owns all things (1 Chronicles 29:11) and who has accomplished our salvation (Deuteronomy 26:8-10).

12. Q. I recently received an inheritance from a relative. Is it OK to divide the tithe from this inheritance among several churches that he loved?

A. Yes. What counts is giving back to the Lord through His church. Inheritance money belongs neither to the deceased nor to the heir, but to God, who gives all good things. Therefore the first step is to give back to him a portion as an expression of thanksgiving and dedication. Assuming that this priority is in order, it is perfectly

alright in this case to spread the tithe among several local churches that were special to the deceased. The only other biblical instruction is this: Don't stop there. For people who have been changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, the tithe is not the end but only the beginning of their giving. The New Testament expectation is that God's people are free to go far beyond a 10 percent thank offering. Let this tithe on the inheritance serve as a starting point for even greater giving down the road.

13. Q. But what about the poor? I rather help them!

A. For years, many have used the excuse of helping the poor versus supporting the ministers of the Word of God who also must eat so they may continue God's work. They have even criticized the Church for its wealth.

On the subject of the poor, Jesus said that there will always be poor people. While our Christian faith obligates us to reach out to them and help them in whatever capacity we can, the problem of poverty will never go away. In a way, the poor are a spiritual blessing to the rich. If there were no poor people, the rich would be denied the possibility of receiving spiritual blessings from God for their good deeds towards the poor.

"For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish." [Mt.26:11; Mk. 14:7; Jn. 12:8]

14. I have begun tithing 10% of my gross income. Is it appropriate to ask for tax receipts?

A. The envelopes we provide on Sunday at services are provided for this purpose. Place your offering in the envelope and put your name and address on it, at the end of the year you will receive one receipt which reflects all the donations you have made during the year. I believe that tithing works, as you give so shall you receive, and I also believe that giving and receiving are two sides of one thing, absolutely you should receive the benefits of your giving from the tax.

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Risk Factors

The first step in preventing youth violence is to identify and understand the risk factors. A risk factor is anything that increases the likelihood of a person suffering harm. Risk factors are not necessarily causes. Research has identified the following risk factors for youth violence (DHHS 2001; Lipsey and Derzon 1998):

Individual

- Attention deficits/hyperactivity
- Antisocial beliefs and attitudes
- History of early aggressive behavior
- Involvement with drugs, alcohol, or tobacco
- Early involvement in general offenses
- Low IQ
- Poor behavioral control

- Social cognitive or information-processing deficits

Family

- Authoritarian childrearing attitudes
- Exposure to violence and family conflict
- Harsh, lax, or inconsistent disciplinary practices
- Lack of involvement in the child's life
- Low emotional attachment to parents or caregivers
- Low parental education and income
- Parental substance abuse and criminality
- Poor family functioning
- Poor monitoring and supervision of children

Peer/School

- Association with delinquent peers
- Involvement in gangs
- Social rejection by peers
- Lack of involvement in conventional

activities

- Poor academic performance
- Low commitment to school and school failure

Neighborhood/Community

- Diminished economic opportunity
- High concentrations of poor residents
- High levels of transiency
- High levels of family disruption
- Low community participation
- Socially disorganized neighborhoods

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- In 1976 Black History Month evolved from Black History Week.
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To God be the glory, great things he has done!

By Dr. Charles Bullock
President GBSC

What a mighty God we serve! He is indeed an awesome God. "For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised ..." 1 Chronicles 16:25a.



Dr. Charles
Bullock

As we bring closure to Black History month, we continue to remember and praise God for the significant contributions of African Americans to our world. We praise Him for the wonderful and significant contributions that we continue to make. Additionally, we praise God for what He continues to do for us and through

us as a Convention.

Last month we reported on the good news at Princeville. The good news continues. Many of our remember that the Convention purchased a sizeable tract of land in Navassa with the intention of building and providing affordable housing. Grants were secured and funds were made available. The Convention's indebtedness mounted and we reached a point wherein the income did not balance the indebtedness. It was the decision of the Executive Committee and the General Board to seek buyers for the land to relieve us of the tremendous obligations we encountered. Former Presidents and current Vice-Presidents were called together to develop a strategy to use for marketing. Meetings were held, buyers were sought, negotiations mounted, offers were made and withdrawn, time-

lines became critical, and prayers were offered. Praise God, a committed buyer was found and confirmed and the land has been sold! The resources have been obtained! The indebtedness attached to the land no longer exists! Surely as a General Baptist Convention family we can say with the Psalmist "The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

As we express sincere gratitude to God for his guidance through this process, again we can identify with the Psalmist when he said "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together" (Psalm 34:3). We take time to magnify the Lord and praise God because

• He is **benevolent**: God in not just a God of sheer power. He is a God of love, and His power is controlled and directed by His love.

• He is **cooperative**: He cooperates with those who love Him. God not only works for people; He works with them. He not only operates; He cooperates. He not only acts; He interacts. God works with us, therefore making us his coworkers.

• God is **personal**: It is a personal God who calls us and awaits our response.

God called us to the task. We are grateful for the commitment and work of Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Reverend Haywood Gray; the chairman of our Trustee Board, Dr. David Forbes; the chair of The General Baptist Foundation, Mr. Dexter Perry; and the chair of our Housing Committee, Reverend Vincent Rozier for responding to the call and seeing that the sale of the land was executed. I believe that it is God who wills the good for all of us and the good that God wills can be activated and assured only where God's call is issued and where our response is made.

As president, on behalf of all of us, the Baptist family, I express our sincere thanks to these gentlemen for all of their commitment and untiring efforts in bringing closure to the land deal in Navassa!

We continue to stand together as a people of faith and we praise and magnify the Lord together. I share words

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2006 General Board Meeting Schedule:

1. March 23 - 10:00 AM
Martin Street BC, Raleigh
 2. May 9 - 1:00 PM (Wilmington)
 3. July 24 - 1:00 PM (Winston-Salem)
 4. Sept. 21 - 10:00 AM (Place TBA)
 5. October 30 - 1:00 PM (Place TBA)
- Board members please put these dates on your calendars.

President Bullock and Vice President Grant conduct symposium and listening session



Dr. John H.
Grant

By Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice President At Large

October 2005, Asheville - During the 138th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention, President Bullock conducted a symposium and Vice President At

Large Grant conducted a listening session with pastors, moderators and messengers from across the state. The purpose was to hear concerns and solicit ideas on how to strengthen our Convention.

Moderators/pastors and associations represented included, but were not limited to, the following: Rev. L. D. Logan, East Cedar Grove; Rev. Robert Sessions, Northampton County; Rev. Daniel Jackson, Gaston County; Rev. J.

E. Roberts, Mud Creek; Rev. Curtis Donald, Old Eastern; Reverends James Mercer and C. Phelps, Rowan.

The problems and suggested solutions listed below were submitted by the pastors and moderators in attendance. The order in which the problems and suggested solutions are submitted is not intended to suggest any order of priority.

Concerns Submitted

1. Some pastors and churches feel the Convention is not visible. Others feel they do not need the Convention.

2. There are churches reaching outside of the Baptist faith and calling young pastors who know nothing about the Associations, the Convention, or what it means to be Baptist. These pastors, who want to be independent and "big all of a sudden," are leading churches to leave both the local Associations and the Convention. In some instances, they are leading churches to leave the Baptist Faith.

3. There are General Baptist State Convention leaders who are treating



138th Annual session of pastors, moderators, and others with President Bullock and Vice President At Large Grant.

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State Mission: The General Board

By Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.,
1st Vice President



Dr. Howard
Parker, Jr.

General Board Policy # GEN-1001
"Board Covenant/Code of Conduct

In my last article, I shared with you the responsibility of the individuals who shall make up the 127 personalities of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The

Policy" lists seventeen items that each Board Member is to follow. In this article I will share ten of the Code of Conduct items with you and the remainder in the next Baptist Informer.

1. I shall accept a position only when I feel that my time and energy enable me to do the job well.
2. I shall attend meetings regularly and when this is impossible, strive to catch up on what I have missed.
3. I shall seek to understand my job assignment, interpret it to others, and work to complete it in the allotted time.
4. I shall participate in the deliberations in a positive, effective manner, where

allowable in accordance with the Conflict of Interest Policy. I shall seek to accept and/or respect others suggestions openly.

5. I shall identify areas of potential conflict and avoid any areas of impropriety, including making full disclosure of any potential conflict of interest, and adhering to the Conflict of Interest Policy by abstaining and physically removing myself from any and all discussions where such a conflict may arise.

6. I shall share the discussion time with others and stick to the topic.

7. I shall assume the responsibility for an assignment when I feel I have the

ability.

8. I shall listen and try to understand and utilize the ideas of others, some of which may be better than mine.

9. I shall help in making decisions and support those made by the group even if it is not what I think best.

10. I shall become familiar with the aims, methods, goals and accomplishments of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Incorporated since I as a director of the board should act as a public relations person in promoting the Convention's goals, purposes and mission.

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, D. Min.,
2nd Vice President



Dr. Nilous
Avery, II

"To all in [the General Baptist Family] who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7, NIV). I continually pause to thank God for all of you, "because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1: 8b).

The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention is collaborating with several leading African American Baptist bodies to help survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The goal is to enable, equip, and empower the survivors to begin the next phase in rebuilding their lives.

Resurrection Resource Centers have been established to assist evacuees in securing local, state, and federal resources available to them. These centers will also provide pastoral support, counseling, encouragement, employ-

ment, and temporary or permanent housing. Social work professionals and lawyers will be available to provide specialized services and legal assistance for those in need.

The first Resurrection Resource Center has been established at Greater Saint Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana. More than 30,000 people who were displaced after the hurricanes are sheltered in the greater Lake Charles community. The Lake Charles Resurrection Resource Center provides evacuees with food, clothing, shelter, mental health screenings, counseling, and prayer. It also provides information on availability of relief programs, services, and after school support for children. Technical assistance is offered to empower churches and other volunteers to effectively and efficiently respond to community needs.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus! Amen."

(1 Corinthians 16:23-24, NIV).

Other Resurrection Resource Centers will be established in various areas throughout Louisiana. The Lott

Carey Baptist Mission Foreign Convention coordinated this unique partnership, which includes such groups as the National Baptist

Convention of America, the National Missionary Baptist Convention, the Baptist World Aid, the Louisiana Home

and Foreign Mission Baptist Convention, and the African American Catholic Congregations.

Lott Carey remains on the scene in these areas by partnering with churches and the communities of faith in an effort to provide support for those who are suffering and will need immediate and long-term assistance. Your prayers, support, monetary gifts, and other kinds of assistance are needed in this hour of determination to overcome desperation.

Send contributions and other inquiries to the General Baptist State Convention headquarters.

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from a writer of the commentary, The Biblical Illustrator, on the Psalms. He says, "God's praises sound best in concert. ... Each instrument in the orchestra is enriched by the co-operation of the others. Each member in a chorus has his discernment sharpened, and his zeal intensified by the remaining mem-

bers. So in the orchestra of praise, my own thanksgiving is quickened and enriched when I join it to the praise of others."

God has a purpose for this convention that cannot be defeated. We are a part of that wonderful purpose and we cannot be defeated. Please continue to share with us your prayers, personal and financial support. God bless.

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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

News from the Central Children's Home

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
Fourth Vice President



Rev. Ricky
Banks

Isaiah 56:5 "Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off."

Though eunuchs often felt despair and alienation from God, Isaiah says that they are still acceptable to God upon the basis of their faithfulness. Not only would they receive God's promises, but their faithfulness would give them more honor and prestige than they would have had had they had sons and daughters.

Do you sometimes feel that you have sinned beyond forgiveness? The message of the New Testament is that so long as we desire forgiveness and are willing to meet the conditions for such,

we can never go beyond God's love and mercy. John, in his letter to the Church, says "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness," (1 John 1:9). The knowledge that God gives forgiveness brings joy to me.

Our Central Children's Home would like to thank GBSC for its prompt delivery of contributions within 15 days after the close of each month's receipts. Our "Independent Living Program" is very active at the present time. Students are taught the following: 1) employment skills, 2) banking, 3) cooking, 4) transportation, 5) household management, 6) leadership skills, 7)

health maintenance/personal hygiene, 8) anger management, 9) emergency management and 10)

community skills.

We must thank God and our supporters for all you do for our Home. As we close each month, keep praying because your prayers and support are bringing us through.

Thought For The Month:

"Forgiveness For All"

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"Baptist" as a bad word.

4. Most of our churches looking for pastors don't know how to get pastors and don't want you to tell them. They have taken the autonomy of the local Baptist church to the extreme.

5. There are moderators who do not attend or support the Convention.

6. There are new church movements who are drawing and getting our young people while our local Baptist churches are not.

7. There is one group, the "old guard", who is trying to monopolize the Convention and keep the "young guard" out.

8. There are certain people who appear on Convention programs all the time. We need to get new people involved in the Convention and on Convention programs.

9. There is the perception that the Convention only wants money and does not care about the churches.

10. Pastors and churches receive a lot of negative information. We need someone to carry positive and correct information.

11. There are younger ministers who

feel they are not allowed to do anything in the Convention.

Suggested Solutions Submitted

1. Develop a brochure on Convention purposes, objectives, etc., and why pastors, moderators, churches and associations should support the Convention. This brochure should be distributed widely and regularly, including monthly through the Baptist Informer.

2. The Convention should publish guidelines on

- General Baptist standards that should be considered by vacant churches in calling pastors
- How to support a pastor
- How to dismiss a pastor

3. Vacant Baptist churches should stop calling "none-Baptist" pastors.

4. Make the Convention more visible by doing a better job of informing people about the good things the Convention is doing.

5. Somehow older preachers must connect with younger preachers.

6. There are 10 districts in the Convention. Someone needs to visit and have workshops in these districts, tell our story, and explain what is needed.

Kingdom Empowerment Conference

2006

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Latest Book Dr. Watson
Maximize Your Edge
Navigating life's challenges

Featured Choirs

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Tuesday Night - Hill Street
Wednesday Night - MT. Zion



Dr. Lance Watson, Senior Pastor
The Saint Paul's Baptist Church
Richmond, Virginia
Conference Preacher

Quote by Dr. Watson

LIFE... THE WILDEST RIDE ON EARTH!
BUT DEFEAT IS NEVER TERMINAL UNLESS
YOU ACCEPT IT.



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Support the Candidacy of
Dr. John H. Grant for President
of the General Baptist State
Convention

Woman's Convention

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie
Executive Secretary-Treasurer



Dr. Priscilla
Brodie

We are now in the seventh month of our new fiscal year, and we pray that Jesus Christ, our King, will lead on and cause us to march in paths of righteousness, loving, evangelizing, teaching, preaching, worshipping, supporting, nurturing, and giving, for there are many fields yet to be harvested.

We are grateful to God that, according to written articles, our parentbody, GBSC, through His grace and mercy, is conquering the mountains which beleaguered her work. Let us continue to stand in unity and to pray that God will give all of us victory over any other mountains which seek to deter us lifting up our eyes and seeing the fields which are white and ready for harvest. Let us "not make a vow to and before God and delay not to pay it." Let us not let our "mouths cause our flesh to sin, nor say before the message of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at our excuse and destroy the work of our hands?" May we as people, (believers in and disciples of Christ) of the

Convention, of the auxiliaries, and of the local churches follow as Jesus Christ leads in His mission to serve this present age effectively.

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home,
Thru days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.
Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet A-men of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.

Ernest W. Shurtleff

OBERLIN BAPTIST CHURCH

806 OBERLIN ROAD • RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27605
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Oberlin Baptist Church, located in the historic area of Oberlin in Raleigh, North Carolina is currently seeking candidates for the position of pastor. Do you have a passion to preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Are you a person of wisdom, vision and a proven leader among your peers? If so, you could be the person God has called to lead our historic congregation.

The ideal candidate:

- Should be a licensed and ordained minister. Must possess a bachelor's degree, as well as a Master's of Divinity degree from an accredited college, or university, or credit toward the same.
- Must be an effective speaker and communicator.
- Have a proven track record as a leader.
- Must be a visionary.
- Should be familiar with the doctrines, practices, and principals of the Baptist Church.
- Should have five years of experience in the ministry.
- Must show compassion for the sick, bereaved, and others needing the spiritual assistance of the word of God.
- Must be faithful in the stewardship of the church's resources.

The list of above qualifications is not all-inclusive, but offer insight into the qualifications of the candidate for this position.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume. Please be sure to include relevant information such as applicable telephone numbers, email addresses, seven letters of reference with telephone numbers, addresses and other pertinent information. Please note, all pertinent paper work should be submitted by March 31, 2006.

Please send the completed packet to:

Pastoral Search Committee
Oberlin Baptist Church
806 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, North Carolina 27605

Reminders

1. **The Statewide Leaders' Workshop** will convene for all departments at St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, Dr. Gregory Moss, pastor, on April 1, 2006. The session begins at 9 a.m. The address is 1401 N. Allen Street, and the telephone number is (704) 334-5309. For driving directions please consider yahoo on the computer. Pre-Registration is \$10.00 and Registration on site is \$11.00. Please receive a Pre-Registration form from the office, if you do not have one already, and return it with appropriate funds by March 12, 2006. You may duplicate forms. **Reverend Dr. Charles Mosley**, pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church, Asheville, will preach for the Statewide Leaders' Workshop. A choir will accompany him.

2. **The Leadership Training Conference** will convene the week of June 5 - 9, 2006, at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. The fee is \$175.00 per regular attendant and \$125.00 per day attendant. A nonrefundable deposit of \$20.00 or the entire fee must be sent along with the completed form. Please contact the office for forms by May 5, 2006.

3. **The Youth Bible Camp** will be held June 11 - 16(1st week); June 18 - 23(2nd week); June 25 - 30. The fee for the regular camper is \$200.00 and for the day camper is \$145.00. Campers are received on a first come basis. A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 or the entire fee must be sent along with the completed

ed registration, health, parental/guardian statement forms. Please contact the office for forms.

4. **Self-Denial Envelopes** may be secured from the office. These funds should be sent to the office before the Annual Session in July, 2006.

5. Please secure **Housing Reservation Forms** for the Annual Session in Winston-Salem and complete the forms and send immediately to the address or fax on the form. The Annual Session is July 23 - 27, 2006 at Benton Convention Center.

6. Please review the **Website** of the Woman's Convention at www.wbh&mc.org for information regarding motto, structure, objectives, programs /ministries.

7. The **2005 - 2006 Budget** is \$819,055.00 which is distributed to the objective of Shaw University and the Divinity School, Central Children's Home, Foreign Missions, Baptist Assembly and State Missions. Please recall that nearly **66 1/2% of the Budget is for State Missions. Therefore, please be sure your giving of funds at least reflects the same.** State mission funds help to enable the Convention to function (stay in existence) fluently and effectively. Please make the checks payable to Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602.

8. Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, on Saturday, April 1, 2006, for the young adults' food bank drive during the Statewide Leaders' Workshop.

POSITION OPEN: BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Auxiliary to GBSC, currently is seeking applicants to serve as a Bookkeeper/Accountant. Applicants should meet the following qualifications:

- Have an Associate or Bachelors degree in bookkeeping and/or accounting
- Have efficient knowledge of computer operations in terms of spreadsheets and general ledgers and any other bookkeeping/ Accounting procedures (Peachtree Software)
- Have adequate typing skills
- Have ability to relate to people
- Have team spirit.

The salary is negotiable; good benefits.

For further information and applications, please write to:

**The Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of
North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC
P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602
Telephone (919) 833-4823
Fax (919) 833-7599**

Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education Coordinator

The Baptist Training Union

The Baptist Training Union has been a part of the Baptist Church since its early beginning. It was a part of Christian education designed to instruct all church members in basic Bible beliefs, Baptist doctrine, church membership, discipline, policy and procedures. It was traditionally held in most Baptist Churches on Sunday evenings, prior to evening worship. It began as a training ground for young people.



Portia
Brandon

Consequently, the predecessor of Baptist Training Union was the Baptist Young People's Union (BYPU).

Baptist Training Union purpose:

1. Assimilate new church members into the life of the church.
2. Guide disciples to grow into spiritual maturity.
3. Equip disciples to strengthen family relationships.

ly relationships.

4. Equip disciples for leadership and ministry.

Available for Ordering:

- ☐ The Manual for Baptist Training Union
- ☐ Facilitator's Guide
- ☐ Series One: Baptist and the Bible
- ☐ Series Two: Baptists and the Christian Faith
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March Bible Study

Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter

Symbols of the Christian Faith
by Alva William Steffler

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a forty-day liturgical season that initiates the most sacred part of the Christian year. Sundays are not included in the forty-day count because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of our Lord's resurrection. During Lent, Christians meditate with awe and thanksgiving on the great mystery — the salvation God offers to us sinners through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

WHAT DOES THE WORD "LENT" MEAN?

The word "Lent" is apparently derived from the Old English *lencten*, which means "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the daylight hours that occurs in the northern hemisphere as spring approaches. It is in this time of year that the season of Lent falls.

WHY DOES LENT LAST FORTY DAYS?

While no one knows for sure why forty days became the norm, it was probably meant to recall Christ's forty-day ordeal in the wilderness during which He prayed, fasted, and was tempted by Satan (see [Matthew 4:1-11](#)).

WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. On this day, Christians focus intensely on their utter and complete sinfulness and the necessity of Christ's suffering and death to earn their salvation. Ashes are referred to many times in the Old Testament as a sign of sorrow, mourning, repentance, and mortality (see [2 Samuel 13:19](#); [Esther 4:1-3](#); [Job 42:6](#); and [Jeremiah 6:26](#)). According to this ancient custom, ashes (traditionally made by burning palm fronds used on [Palm Sunday](#) of the previous year) are mixed with a small amount of olive oil and applied to the forehead of each worshipper. This mark, in the sign of a cross, can be a powerful reminder of our depraved and sinful nature and total dependence on God for forgiveness and salvation.

Where do the ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from?

They are made by burning palm fronds which have been saved from the

previous year's Palm Sunday, they are then blessed by a minister — blessed ashes having been used in God's rituals since the time of Moses (Numbers 19:9-10, 17).

Why are ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday used?

Because Palm Sunday was when the people rejoiced at Jesus' triumphal entrance to Jerusalem. They celebrated his arrival by waving palm fronds, little realizing that he was coming to die for their sins. By using palms from Palm Sunday, it is a reminder that we must not only rejoice of Jesus' coming but also regret the fact that our sins made it necessary for him to die.

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

The last week of Lent is known as [Holy Week](#). During this holiest time of the liturgical year, the church relives the final week of our Lord's life. The high points of this week are [Palm Sunday](#), [Maundy Thursday](#), [Good Friday](#), and [EASTER](#).

WHAT IS THE LITURGICAL COLOR FOR LENT?

Purple, the color of royalty, repentance, and self-discipline, is the traditional color for the season of Lent. Black, the somber color of mourning and sorrow for sin, is reserved for [Good Friday](#) and [Ash Wednesday](#). For the period from [Palm Sunday](#) through [Maundy Thursday](#), some churches use scarlet, an intense variant of purple and red that symbolizes the life-giving blood of Christ.

WHAT IS THE SEASON OF LENT REALLY ABOUT?

For some Christians, the coming of Lent means preparing for some kind of fasting. These fasts typically take the form of abstaining from all or certain kinds of food on a particular day. In place of a food fast, some Christians commit to give up a pleasurable activity or take on some kind of charitable work or other added discipline. Our Lord recommends the Lenten disciplines of helping the needy, prayer, and fasting in [Matthew 6:1-18](#). If Christians choose to "give up" something for Lent as a way to witness to the world the salvation Christ won for us by His suffering and death on the cross, then it is a commendable discipline that should be encouraged. However, it is essential to remember that nothing we do through fasting, self-denial, or good works can ever earn God's forgiveness or "pay Him back" for what He accomplished for us. Lent is not about our giving up something to please God. Lent is about what Christ gave up to pay the penalty for our sins — His life.



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Tobacco-Free Church Grounds Policy

Submitted by
Rev. Shelton Daniel, Sr., Pastor
Ivory Hill Baptist Church
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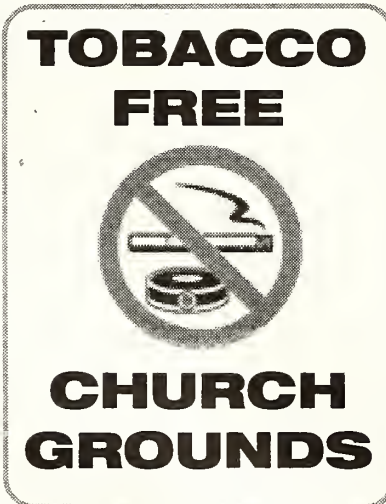
The Ivory Hill Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Shelton Daniel, has become one of the first Churches in N.C. to adopt a Tobacco-Free Church Grounds policy. With encouragement from the Center of Health and Healing (CHH), an affiliate of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Ivory Hill has successfully made the transition.



Dr. Anita
Holmes

Ivory Hill, surrounded by this once-verdant tobacco region, elected to adopt this policy after years of teaching holistic health ministry based on the conviction to minister to the whole person! Rev. Daniel has taken on the responsibility to educate his 1000+ member congregation about the risks of tobacco use and the benefits of quitting. As part of the new policy adoption, the church unveiled its signs in a dedication celebration. Dr. Anita Holmes and

Toshia Davis Jordan of the CHH attended the celebration along with Dr. Hatch of GBSC, Cristy Davis, CHH AmeriCorps Member, and Anna Semas with Webb Patterson Communications. Rev. Daniel is convinced that creating an awareness of living healthier lives, because of the large amounts of capital involved, does not lie in the hands of the government. He states, "To have the greatest impact of freeing ourselves from smoking and secondhand smoke, it is imperative that the church be in the forefront of this initiative". He further reiterates, "That by Ivory Hill Baptist Church adopting this policy it sends a clear message that our church is willing to Walk the Walk that we Talk"! All that Ivory Hill Baptist Church is interested in doing is stepping in and helping to drive the efforts to eliminate these disparities. Ivory Hill received support and endorsements from Lt. Governor Bev Perdue and Congressman G.K.



Butterfield. Some decisions are tough and then there are those like this that just make sense. I Corinthians says "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You

do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body!" Ivory Hill has not done anything extraordinary! We just believe the Word!

Dr. John Hatch, Barbara Wilkins, Toshia Davis Jordan, Dr. Anita Holmes, and Pastor Shelton C. Daniels

Other Churches That Have Gone Tobacco Free:

- Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Joseph Kearns, Sr. (Asheboro)
- New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor George I. Allison (Greensboro)
- Wesley Chapel AME Zion

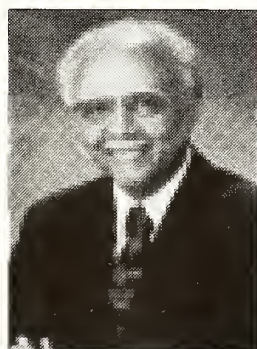
Church, Pastor John A. Butler (Asheboro)

- Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Nilous M. Avery, II (Salisbury)
- Peace Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor W.E. Daye (Durham)
- Oak City Baptist Church, Pastor William T. Newkirk (Raleigh)
- Harshaw Grove Baptist Church, Pastor William Roseman (Asheboro)
- Spring Green Baptist Church, Pastor George W. Wright, Jr. (Warrenton)
- Ridgeway Baptist Church, Pastor W.T. Ramey (Ridgeway)
- Big Ruin Creek Baptist Church, Rev. Melvin Marrow, Interim Pastor (Henderson)
- Crowell Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Gregory L. Evans (Tillery)
- Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Matthew Rouse, Jr. (Raeford)

This effort is funded by the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund. For more information on your church going tobacco free contact Toshia Davis Jordan (Project Coordinator), 919-572-6374 ext 2 or toshia.davis@c4hh.org.

Designated To Bush Clinton - Inter-faith Fund Ministers Committee

Philadelphia - On December 17, Dr. William J. Shaw, President, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. (NBCUSA, INC) traveled to New Orleans, LA as a member of the Inter-faith Fund Ministers Committee to hold hearings and hear testimonies from clergy and members of various religious communities about their sense of priorities as it concerns the needs of hurricane victims throughout the Gulf Coast region. Dr. Shaw serves as a member of the Inter-faith Fund Ministers Committee, a governance structure created by former Presidents Clinton and Bush to oversee the distribution of hurricane relief funds. A total of \$90 million dollars was collected by the presidents, \$20 million of which has been earmarked for religious institu-



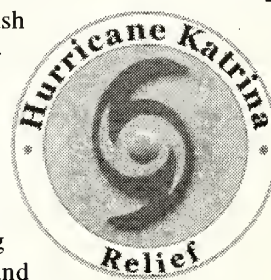
William J. Shaw, President
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

tions. Other members of the Inter-faith Fund Ministers Committee include Bishop T.D. Jakes, Dr. Fred Lucas, Bishop Roy Winbush, Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell, Archbishop John C. Favalora, Bishop Cornal Garnett Henning, and Dr. William H. Gray. Dr. Shaw has traveled to New Orleans and other Gulf Coast areas on three previous occasions, to assist NBCUSA, Inc.'s relief efforts. Through the Convention's ongoing campaign money, clothing, and food has been sent to people affected by the Gulf Coast hurricane. Construction materials and labor to rebuild homes have also been donated.

"The Inter-faith Fund Ministers Committee presents the opportunity to direct the distribution of relief and rebuilding funds where it is needed most through a mechanism that provides structure and accountability," states Dr. William J. Shaw. "Clergy and other religious entities throughout the Gulf Coast will be an integral part of the process as our committee endeavors to allocate these funds constructively and benevolently."

On December 7, Dr. Shaw met with other African American leaders and President George W. Bush as the White House to discuss issues facing the African American community, and the nation as a whole. Topics on the agenda included Hurricane Katrina relief and rebuilding efforts, reauthorization and restoration of the Voting Rights Act, federal budget, relief for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) affected by the Gulf Coast hurricanes, and judicial nominations.

Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
Dr. William J. Shaw,
President



126th Annual Session

September 4-8, 2006

Dallas, Texas

The Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. is generally held during Labor day week every September. The 126th Annual Session will be held September 4-8, 2006 in Dallas, TX, where an estimated 35,000 delegates will attend!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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DATES	LOCATIONS
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June 18-22, 2007	St. Louis, MO
June 16-20, 2008	Louisville, KY
June 22-26, 2009	Detroit, MI
June 20-24, 2011	Indianapolis, IN

Future Annual Session Dates and Locations

- 2006 Dallas, TX
- 2007 Philadelphia, PA
- 2008 Cincinnati, OH

Leadership Summit 2006 Highlights

Dr. Donaldson Jones, President

First Baptist Church
High Point, North Carolina

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2006 HIGHLIGHTS Thursday, March 2, 2006

8:45AM Prayer and Praise

9:00AM Official

Opening.....Dr. Donaldson Jones
Welcome

9:30AM Opening Sermon
Rev. Susan Knight Brooks
2nd Vice Moderator
Deep River Association

9:50AM The Role of The Associate
Minister
Rev. Dennis Leach, Pastor

10:40AM Break

10:55AM Reassembly
Vice-President, Rev. Walter S. Taylor,
Presiding

11:10AM Stewardship Workshop
Dr. Jesse V. Bottoms, Pastor
Beulah Baptist Church
Poughkeepsie, New York

12:10PM Dismissal for Lunch

2:00PM Assembly
Rev. Roosevelt Whitehead, Presiding

Health Workshop

Dr. Anita Holmes, Executive Director
Health and Human Services

Sermon

Rev. Jeffrey Simms, Assistant
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Health and Human Services

Dismissal

7:30PM Opening Devotion
Vice-President, Rev. Walter S.
Taylor, Presiding

Welcome

Rev. W. R. Burston,
Moderator
Neuse River Association

2006 Distinguished Lecturer

Dr. Julius R. Scruggs,
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Benediction

LATE NIGHT

10:00PM

Rev. Quientrell L. Burrell, Jr.,
Presiding

Devotional Message

Dr. M. T. Clowney, Moderator
Western Union Association

Sermon

Dr. Elbert Lee, Pastor
North End Baptist Church
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Benediction

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2006 HIGHLIGHTS Friday, March 3, 2006

8:45AM Prayer and Praise

Rev. Billy Holder, Presiding

9:30AM Sermon

Dr. Leonzo Lynch, 3rd Vice-President
General Baptist State Convention

9:55AM Church Conflict Resolution

Rev. Everett Dickerson, Moderator
Cedar Grove Association

10:45AM Break

11:00AM
Reassembly

Rev.
Larry Allen,
Secretary,
Minister's
Council

Devotional Message

Dr. Nilous Avery, II,
2ND Vice-President
General Baptist State Convention

Sermon

Dr. Howard Parker, 1st Vice-President
General Baptist State Convention

12:15PM Dismissal for Lunch

2:30PM Rev. Ronald A. Sullivan,
Presiding

Devotional Message

Dr. Ricky Banks, 4th Vice-President
General Baptist State Convention

Sermon

Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice-President at Large
General Baptist State Convention

3:45PM Dismissal

7:30PM Opening Devotional
Dr. Donaldson Jones, Presiding
Devotional Message

Rev. J. Vincent Terry, Pastor
Mt. Peace Baptist Church
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Special Reflections

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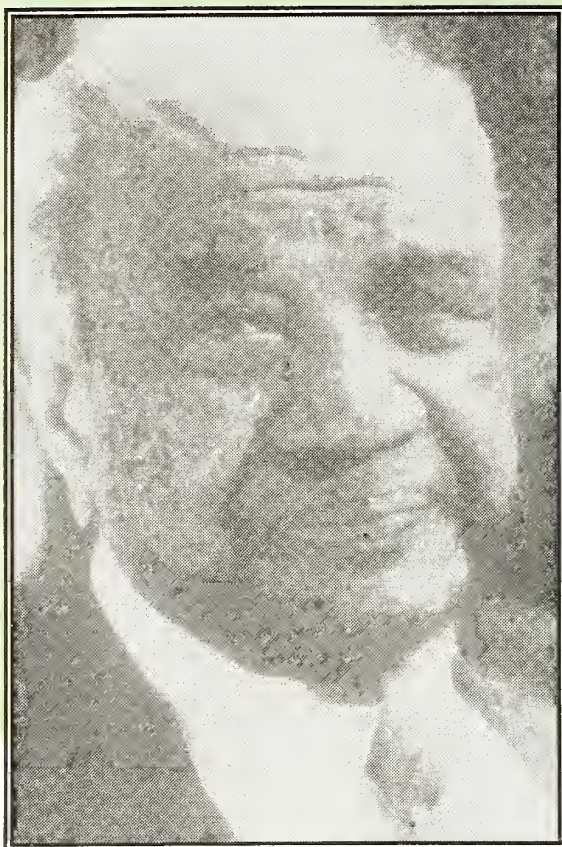
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The next Study Commission Session of The G.B.S.C. LAYMEN'S
LEAGUE will be held at The Temple Memorial Baptist Church in High
Point, N.C. on the date of March 11, 2006.

Laymen Executive Committee meeting will start @ 9:00 A.M.

33rd Annual Minsters' Conference



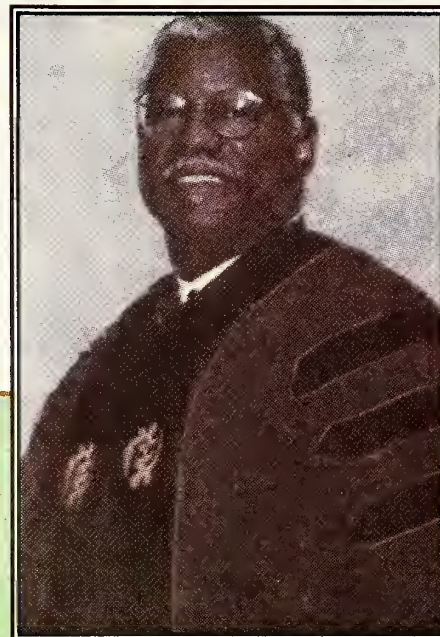
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33rd Annual Alexander/Pegues Ministers' Conference March 20 - 24, 2006

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Phone: (919) 856-9800 OR 1(877)228-5160
Room: 12 King, 12 Double, Non-Smoking (6pm hold)
Cost: \$45.00 King, \$48.00 Double: PLUS TAX
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Date: 3/13/06

Hotel: Red Roof Inn
Address: 1813 South Saunders St, Raleigh, NC 27603
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Date: 2/28/06

Hotel: Best Western
Address: 3618 New Bern Ave., Raleigh, NC 27604
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Room: 15 Sweets, 11 Standard Non-Smoking (Suites will be given to the first 15 reservations)
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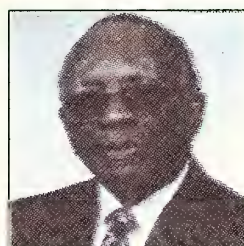
2006 Schedule

Monday 3/20/06	Tuesday 3/21/06	Wednesday 3/22/06	Thursday 3/23/06	Friday 3/24/06
Shaw University Divinity School (SUDS) 33rd Annual Alexander/Pegues Ministers' Conference Sponsors the Gardner C. Taylor Distinguished Peraching Series	8:00AM Devotional	8:00AM Devotional	8:00AM Devotional	8:00AM Devotional
	8:30AM - 10:00AM Morning Worship Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III	8:30AM - 10:00AM Morning Worship Rev. Dr. Beecher Hicks Jr.	8:30AM - 10:00AM Morning Worship Rev. Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant	8:30AM - 10:00AM Father/Son Prayer Breakfast
	10:00AM - 12:00 Noon Workshop Topic: Worship	10:00AM - 12:00 Noon Workshop Topic: Worship	10:00AM - 12:00 Noon Workshop Topic: Worship	11:00AM - 12:00 Noon ECUMENICAL HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE Preacher: Bishop J.D. Wiley
Theme: <i>Calling The Church Back To Authentic Preaching and Worship!</i>	12:00 Noon - 1:30PM SUDS Alumni Luncheon and Roundup & Business Meeting	12:00 Noon - 1:30PM Lunch	12:00 Noon - 1:30PM Lunch	
Dates: March 20-24, 2006	1:30PM - 3:00PM Distinguished Alumni Service & Conference Photograph & Preacher Rev. Dr. James E. Arnett	1:30PM - 3:00PM Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Akin	1:30PM - 3:00PM Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant	Note: Shaw Divinity School Students will participate in the pageantry communion service.
1:00PM - 5:30PM Conference Registration 1st Floor Leonard Hall				
1:00PM - 3:00PM Vendor Setup	3:30PM - 5:00PM Workshop: DNA of Preaching (Exegesis) Pt. 1	3:30PM - 5:00PM Workshop: DNA of Preaching (Sociological) Pt. 2	3:30PM - 5:00PM Workshop: DNA of Preaching (Eposition) Pt. 3	3:30PM - 5:00PM Workshop: DNA of Preaching (Eposition) Pt. 3
7:00PM Monday Evening Worship Service Distinguished Preacher Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor	5:00PM - 6:30PM Dinner on your own	5:00PM - 6:30PM Dinner on your own	5:00PM - 6:30PM Dinner on your own	5:00PM - 6:30PM Dinner on your own
	7:00PM Tuesday Evening Worship Service: Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr.	7:00PM Wednesday Evening Worship Service: Rev. Dr. Ivan Hicks	7:00PM Thursday Evening Worship Service: Bishop John Richard Bryant	7:00PM Thursday Evening Worship Service: Bishop John Richard Bryant

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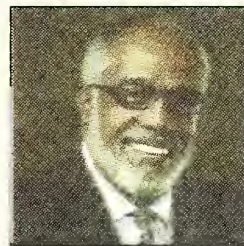
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Calling the Church Back to Authentic Preaching and Worship!

Shaw University Divinity School (SUDS) is blessed to sponsor the Gardner C. Taylor Distinguished Preaching Series this year as part of The Alexander/Pegues Annual Ministers' Conference. You are invited to come and hear a discussion on "The DNA of Preaching" from a cultural, gender and generational perspective. All are invited to share in this significant conference.

James T. Roberson, Jr., Ph.D.
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Program / Activities (NTEE Code)

International Relief Management & Technical Assistance
Management & Technical Assistance

Results

Accomplishments for Fiscal Year
Ending 06/30/2005

1. Made grants to more than 500 families in Haiti recovering from hurricanes and built four homes for hurricane victims in Grenada
2. Mobilized 700 youth for servant leading/service learning programs from the campus of Shaw University, Raleigh, NC in June 28
3. Launched an advocacy program to mobilize women to work and pray for African women and children forced into prostitution

Objectives for Fiscal Year Beginning 07/01/2005

1. Investing in rebuilding fishing communities in eastern Somalia that were devastated by the Indian Ocean tsunami in December 2004
2. Support leadership program for aboriginal Australians in community development and church ministry
3. Providing leadership development for African immigrant churches in Italy

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Executive Secretary-Treasurer
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Chief Executive Profile

Visionary academic, author, pastor, and leader that is seeking to bring together the best

learning and successes of indigenous leaders and communities across in marginalized communities around the world.

Additional Comments

Provided more than 2200 homeless children new school uniforms from "skin up" in 2003 - 2004 school year in Louisville, KY.; Provides more than 700 youth leadership development through service learning/servant leading models on the campus of Shaw University, Raleigh, NC annually

Basic Information

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Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Phone: (202) 543-3200

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E-mail: degoatley@aol.com

Fiscal Year: 2004

Assets: \$2,693,995

Income: \$2,146,054

Year Founded: 1897

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No. of Full Time Employees: 6-10

No. of Part-Time Employees: 1-5

Volunteers: 101-500

Audited Statements Available to

Public: Yes

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Dr. William K. Raynor

For Acclaimed Distinction in Leadership as a Moderator

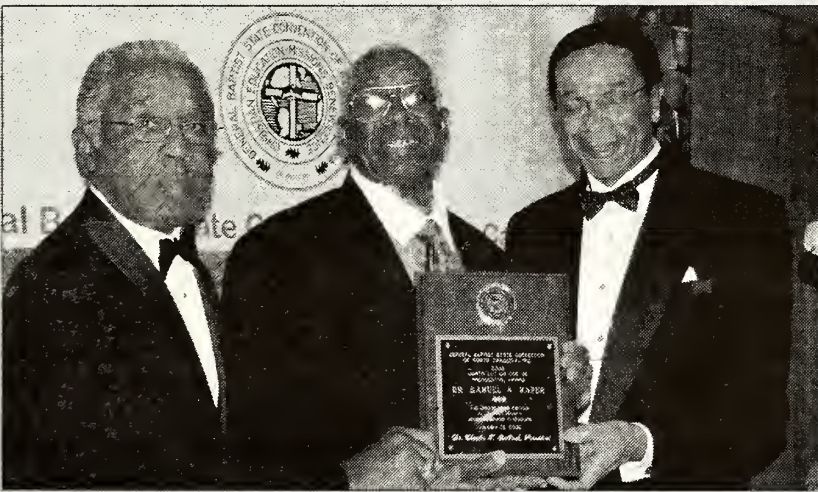
It can truly be said that Dr. William K. Raynor has a special love for the work of Trent River-Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association. He served for forty-two years as counselor to the Trent River-Oakey Grove Women's Auxiliary. He was Secretary of the Association for thirty-three years. For the past fifteen years, he has served as the Association's Moderator. This native of Craven County, North Carolina, has preached the Gospel since the age of fifteen and is known for the bigness of his heart, his human compassion, and his dedication to duty.



Dr. Jerry Drayton

For Demonstrated Excellence in Preaching And Pastoral Leadership

For sixty-one years, Dr. Jerry Drayton has been pastor of Winston-Salem's New Bethel Baptist Church, New Bethel is the only congregation that he has pastored in the sixty-seven years that he has been in ministry. A native of Savannah, Georgia, he has endeared himself to Winston-Salem and the State of North Carolina. A modern housing complex (called Drayton Pines) was built by the city and named in his honor. In 1994, Governor Jim Hunt awarded him the State's most prestigious honor, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine.



Dr. Samuel A. Raper

For Distinguished Service in Christian Ministry and Leadership in Missions

Dr. Samuel A. Raper has celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination as Minister of the Gospel and fifty-nine years as Pastor. Now retired as Pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina, he continues to be a strong voice for Christian missions in North Carolina. This father of twelve was the first African American elected official in Cleveland County, North Carolina. A preacher with a heart for giving, Dr. Raper led his congregation to be a leading contributor to the General Baptist State Convention and its objectives throughout his ministry career.



The Honorable Garland E. Pierce

For Exemplary Leadership in Public Service in the North Carolina Legislature

The Reverend Garland E. Pierce has the distinction of being the only General Baptist pastor currently serving in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Representing House District 48 (Hoke Robeson and Scotland Counties), Rev. Pierce is also pastor of Bright Hopewell Baptist Church Laurinburg, North Carolina. A ministry of twenty-five years has led him to many avenues of public and community service.



The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board

Dexter V. Perry,
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The General Board of the GBSC adopted a pastor's retirement plan with the MMBB for this year 2006. The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) serves those who work for Baptist churches and affiliated organizations—and has since 1911. The Board's mission to American Baptist Churches (ABC) ministers, missionaries and lay employees, as well as their families, has grown steadily over the years. The combination of crucial benefits and personalized service has bolstered members through both national and personal financial and social storms. In 2000, an IRS ruling opened the MMBB plans to related organizations, and MMBB embraced this opportunity to expand its benefits and services to new groups.

MMBB understands the unique blessings and challenges of the ministry, and supports plan members throughout their lives. Hallmarks include skilled professional money management, educational opportunities and service provided by responsive member service representatives. MMBB communications keep members and employers informed and in touch. MMBB knows the ministry, and MMBB cares.

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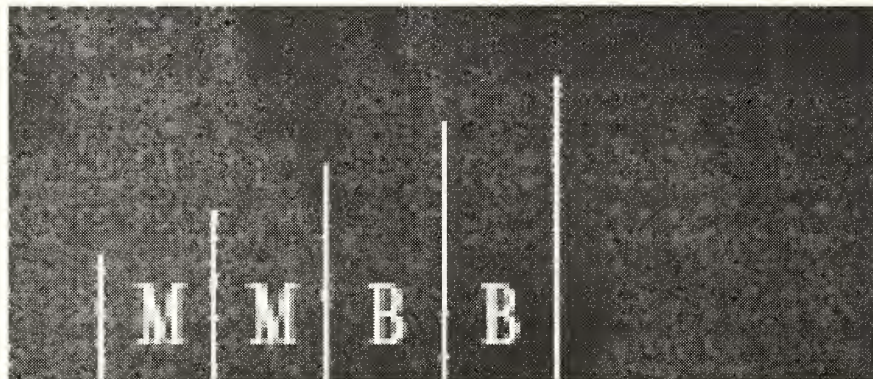
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: How do I enroll for this plan?

A: Call the General Baptist Foundation toll free at 866-687-4631 and ask for an MMBB enrollment packet.

Q: When I decide to retire, what should I do?

A: At least 90 days before your retirement date, notify MMBB and your nearest Social Security office. MMBB will send you information and forms. Social Security will require your Social

Security card or number, proof of your date of birth, and, if married, a copy of your marriage certificate.

ent church before you take your MMBB annuity. You may, however, secure other employment without affecting your annuity.

Q: Are loans available to retired members?

A: TAS, TDA, and Retirement Plan loans are available to retired members who have not annuitized or withdrawn all of their plan accumulation units. The minimum amount required in their account is \$2,000. The repayment period cannot extend beyond the last day of the calendar year in which they attain age 70.5. No loans to retired members can be made after that date.

Q: Will the amount of my MMBB annuity change each year?

A: Yes. It is a variable annuity and will increase or decrease each year, depending upon MMBB's investment results.

Q: May I continue to serve my present church and still receive my MMBB annuity?

A: No. You must retire from your pres-

Q: Do I need a financial planner?

A: Although there are printed and other resources readily available to the public on financial planning, most of us need help in knowing how to use this information to meet our own particular needs. If you need help, contact Dexter Perry at the General Baptist Foundation toll-free at 866-687-4631 to discuss your needs.

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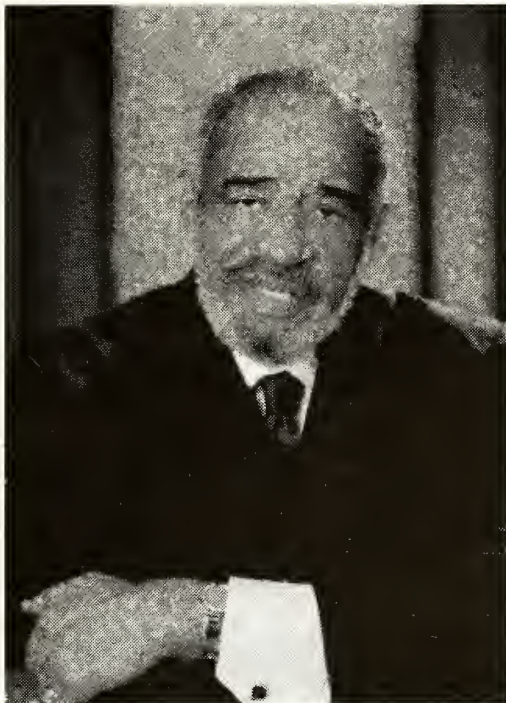
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Homegoing Services for Dr. William A. Jones, Jr.

The Reverend Dr. William Augustus Jones, Jr., Pastor Emeritus of Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY, who retired this past September 18 after serving 43 years there, died Saturday, February 4, 2006, at his Brooklyn home after a long illness. He was 71.

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Friday, February 10, 1:00 p.m. (The Rev. Gardner C. Taylor, Pastor Emeritus of Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn and long-time friend of Dr. Jones, will preach the eulogy.)



Dr. William A. Jones, Jr.
Pastor Emeritus Bethany Baptist Church

District III Ushers

The year 2006 is off to a great beginning for the District III Ushers, especially after having to regroup and plan an agenda without the faithful leadership of Bro. Forest Eaves Jr., who passed away in October 2005.

District III Ushers met on Saturday, January 28th, 10:00 a. m. with the new President/Coordinator, Bro. Saylor Mattison, along with other officers who moved up to the next position, leaving 4th Vice President position, which was filled by Sis. Majorie Foxx from the

Mount Peace Association. The confirmation of all officers were unanimous by the attending body.

The body reviewed the schedule of events for 2006, reviewed the committees, and entertained comments

and suggestions.

Plans are under construction for business as usual amongst these ushers as they prepare to go forward.

President Mattison wants all of the Associations in District III to put forth effort to contact him as he will be doing the same towards them. President Mattison says he wants to hear from all of District III as to what they desire, but he don't know how to contact some, so please call or write him or others at the following numbers:

Contacts for District III Officers

Saylor Mattison (704) 392-2885

Sis. Valarie Singleton
(704) 333-2826

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(704) 542-5884

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Supreme Court pick breaks new ground

Staff writer Matthew Eisley meisley@newsobserver.com.

Timmons-Goodson will be first black woman on the court.

North Carolina's Supreme Court is getting its first black woman: Pat Timmons-Goodson of Fayetteville, a veteran jurist who retired last fall from the lower state Court of Appeals.

Gov. Mike Easley, a Democrat, said Thursday that he is appointing the former judge to the Supreme Court's associate justice slot that Sarah Parker will vacate when she becomes chief justice Feb. 6.

The selection of Timmons-Goodson — who will have to win a statewide election this fall to keep the seat — means the state's highest court will have two female justices for the first time.

Both appointments come during a new era of officially nonpartisan judicial elections. But the governor's decisions give Democrats a mild comeback at the Supreme Court, where they had fared poorly in recent elections. With Timmons-Goodson and Parker, Democrats will hold two of seven seats, up from one.

Timmons-Goodson, 51, said she had no intention to return to the judiciary until she got word recently that Easley might consider her for the Supreme Court.

"I thought I had hung up my robe for the last time," she said Thursday.

"The more I thought about it, the more I thought I'm not quite through serving my state yet. Few of our citizens, and no African-American women, have had an opportunity to serve in that way. I am really excited and looking forward to this."



Coretta Scott King

SUBMITTED BY
Dr. A.T. Griffey, III
Senior Pastor
Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
3230 Heitman Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27107

January 31, 2006



Coretta Scott King
Dies at 78

ATLANTA (AP) - Coretta Scott King, who turned a life shattered by her husband's assassination into one devoted to enshrining his legacy of human rights and equality, has died. She was 78.

Flags at the King Center were lowered to half-staff Tuesday morning.

"We appreciate the prayers and condolences from people across the country," the King family said in a statement.

King received numerous honors for herself and traveled around the world in the process.

In London, she stood in 1969 in the same carved pulpit in St. Paul's Cathedral where her husband

preached five years earlier.

"Many despair at all the evil and unrest and disorder in the world today," she preached, "but I see a new social order and I see the dawn of a new day."

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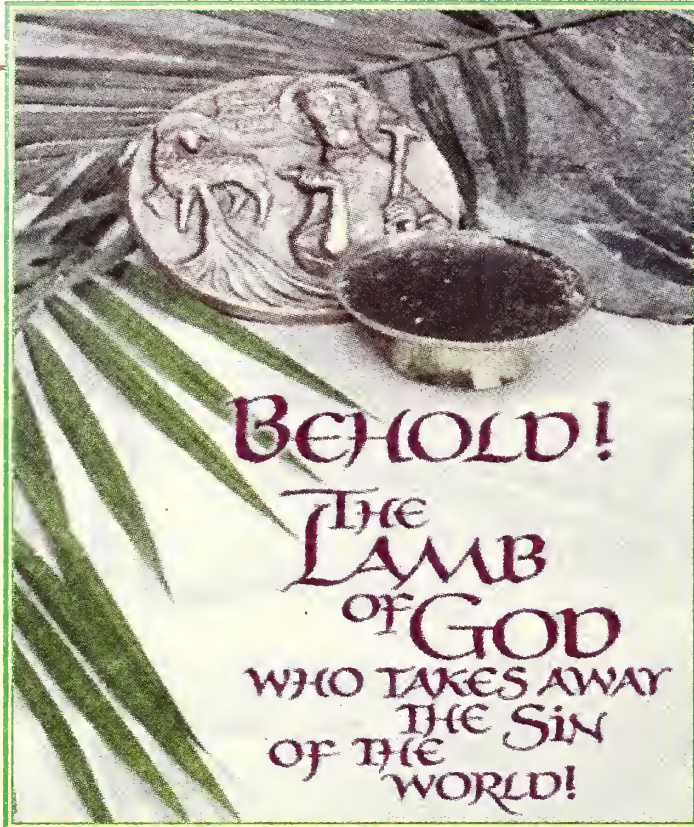
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How do you approach the Resurrection?

By Dr. Charles Bullock
President GBSC

The synoptic gospels tell us how Mary Magdalene and the other women approached the resurrection.



Dr. Charles
Bullock

The writer of the Gospel of Matthew says, in 28:8 "And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy..." In Mark 16:5 "And entering the sepulcher, they

saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted." Luke 24:5 "And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, and they said unto them, why seek ye the living among the dead?"

The first witnesses of the resurrection approached the tomb with fear and wonder. They were confronted by an event that their minds could not comprehend and their experience could not explain. These first witnesses were filled with fear, astonishment and amazement.

There are many ways to approach the resurrection. You can approach it philosophically and try to analyze it. You can approach it biblically and try to understand the context out of which it came. You can approach it critically and discuss the rational reasons for believing or not believing in it. You can approach it pragmatically and seek to

discover what it all means. Or you can approach it experientially and feel the impact of this event upon your life.

On resurrection morning Christ went to His own. He went to those who knew Him, who trusted Him, and who loved Him. He met them on the way. On this resurrection day, we do more than commemorate a historic fact. We celebrate a present reality. The early Christians believed that Jesus was alive not because they couldn't find His body; they believed He was alive because they met Him, the living Christ, on the way. Jesus met them. Jesus Christ is alive and meets us wherever we are, on the road of life.

The resurrection gives evidence to the fact that disappointments can be changed into victories. In the midst of the great disappointment of Simon Peter came the message of the resurrected Christ - that He would meet Him in Galilee. The resurrection gives us the assurance that our disappoint-

ments can also be overturned. For Paul said in II Corinthians 4:8-9: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." Let us also consider William Barclay's interpretation and translation of this same

passage of scripture, for he says; "We are sore pressed at every point, but not hemmed in. We are at our wit's end, but never at our hope's end. We are persecuted by men, but never abandoned by God. We are knocked down, but not knocked

out. In our bodies we have to run the same risk of death as Jesus Christ did, so that in our body the same life as Jesus lived may be clear for all to see." Therefore, the resurrection of Jesus Christ should reveal to us that in spite of our experiences and disappointments in life, we know that we have been given another day, another opportunity to overturn defeat and to serve Jesus Christ our Lord.

An unknown author wrote of a traveler who tells his story of a night in the desert. He says, "There was no sign of inhabited land, only desert sand. That night a man slipped out of the camp and returned the next morning with a fresh green blade of rice. During those three days and nights Jesus was in the tomb, the land was desolate. Jesus slipped out into the dark night and brought back the green of life eternal. This was no accident! God acted in history! Death took hold of the manhood of Jesus and killed him. God took hold of death, and death died! Christ is the first fruit of them that slept. He has arisen with His resurrected body. Because he has done this, we shall also arise with a new and glorious body!"

A quote of a poem by M. Ethel Anderson adds this message:

Seek ye the Lord?
Search not the cold and empty tomb;
He is not linked with night and gloom,
He is not bound by death and strife:

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Bullock, Grant and Gray attend Navassa Land Sale Closing



Dr. John H.
Grant

By Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice President At
Large

January 2006, Wilmington - On Wednesday January 25th at 11:00 am, President Bullock, Vice President At Large Grant, and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Gray attended the closing for the sale of the Convention's 128 acre land tract in Navassa. The tract was sold to Navassa Land and Development, LLC - Lena Springs, LLC, whose members are pictured with President Bullock, Grant and Gray. As I have conducted Listening Sessions across North Carolina, pastors and moderators had repeatedly expressed

concern about our Convention's indebtedness and what was being done to address the same.

We are happy to report that this sale was and is a significant milestone in our quest to eliminate Convention debt, the bulk of which is now eliminated. It was important for me to be present at the closing to repre-



Attendees At Navassa Land Sale Closing - Pictured from left to right with Gray, Bullock, and Grant are the members/managers of Navassa Land and Development LLC, Lena Springs, LLC: Michael Otelsberg and Arthur Ricks III with Century 21 Sweyer & Associates, and Pete Devita of Cape Fear Riverwood.

sent our Convention's General Board. On behalf of the members of the Board,

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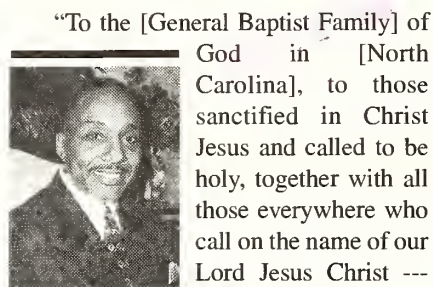
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Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, D. Min.,
2nd Vice President

From the desk of the Second-Vice President



Dr. Nilous Avery, II
"To the [General Baptist Family] of God in [North Carolina], to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ --- their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" {1 Corinthians 1:2-3, NIV}.

Jesus' statement in Matthew 5:14 rings loudly in my ears: "You are the light of the world." When we carefully and prayerfully examine this statement, it is clearly a bold, yet bewildering proclamation. Imagine how perplexed the listeners of Jesus' day were when they heard this profound proclamation.

Here they were, living in a land that was far removed from the awesome and magnificent power of imperial Rome. They perhaps had envisioned what the great city of their oppressor must have looked like. Rome to them was the bright light that shone upon a hill. Yet, Jesus proclaimed them (His disciples) to be "the light of the world." Could it be that Jesus already saw them wrapped in a power so awesome --- so marvelous ---

so impressive --- so formidable, that Rome's light paled in comparison? YES!

Jesus knew that the power of God, which was promised to those who trusted and followed Him, could and would achieve what no other power in existence could! Jesus proclaimed this promise several times. Look at it in two specific passages:

"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" {Luke 24:49, NIV}.

"...Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..." {Acts 1:4b, 8a, NIV}. Jesus was declaring that those who receive God's power would accomplish what no other power on earth could do. Through them, God's power would provide light to a world that was bound by the darkness of lesser powers. Through them, God's light would *enable, equip, and empower* them to be witnesses of the Christ, even "to the ends of the earth." The light of Rome was no match for the promised power that the disciples would receive in order to serve as the light of the world.

The same is true today. My sisters and brothers in the Lord, **YOU ARE**

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! This is the promise of the Christ from the Christ to all who trust and follow Jesus our Lord. We receive this world-illuminating power from God through an intimate companionship and communion with the once crucified, but now risen Christ! That is why the Apostle Paul could exclaim with confidence: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20, NIV). With this power:

- We overcome weakness because God's power works through human weakness;

- We are rescued and healed; thus, we become rescuers and healers because God's power rescues and heals those who are handcuffed in the ruins of destructive experiences;

- We become a Christian community which reaches out to the least, the lost, those who are left out, looked over, and let down because God's power strengthens Christian communities.

BELOVED, WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! Everything we do has but one purpose: to **GLORIFY GOD & EDIFY OTHERS**. We are a faith community powered by the

Holy Spirit. We are challenged by our Lord to grow UPWARD, INWARD, and OUTWARD. In responding to the Lord's proclamation of our illuminating power, we must embrace the call to become witnesses in action (Matthew 25:31-40).

The opportunity is available for us to shine. The ministry of foreign missions is a vehicle that provides the glorious opportunity for God's light to shine in us. Shine today through your gifts of time, talent, treasure, your temple (your physical being), and your testimony.

Shine today --- turn on your light by supporting our convention's objectives and the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission ministries. Shine today by contacting me --- I will be glad to share with you through mail, e-mail, telephone, or in person how blessings will flow abundantly through your illumination in foreign missions support: P.O. Box 2767, Salisbury, N.C. 28145-2767

E-mail: averyrevkin@aol.com or mt218@bellsouth.net;
704-637-0954 - office; 704-637-1137 - fax

I look forward to hearing from you as we shine together! "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV).

News from the Central Children's Home

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
Fourth Vice President



Rev. Ricky Banks

Verse For the Month: But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. James

God does not require us to understand. God requires us to have faith and to obey. All the wisdom of man could not tell the king the dream he could not understand, but God revealed the mystery to Daniel who went and told the king.

When we obey God's Word and seek His wisdom and knowledge, He gives us peace and understanding that surpasses any earthly wisdom. God's wisdom in our lives can do the impossible. We may not find the answer to all of our why's but we can live and serve the Master in peace. We can have confidence that God's wisdom will direct us.

On behalf of the entire staff at our Central Children's Home thank you for all you do. We are still holding on. The Genesis Academy (Campus Classroom) is performing well. Central Children's Home provides 50% of the matching funds (\$32,000) to operate the campus classroom. We wel-

come contributions to support this effort. Central Children's Home is also proud of its ENRICH (Health and Nutrition) program. Students enjoy structured exercises and monitor their height and weight as well as diet and meals.

A special thanks goes to Rev. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary Treasurer GBSC for committing GBSC along with member churches, and

prayfully the General Board members to assist us in helping to upgrade our cafeteria to be in compliance with the local health department. Thank you again Rev. Gray. If you read this report and you would like to assist GBSC in this effort, please make check payable to GBSC and mark on your check notation line CAFETERIA FUND. Please call if you have questions 252-335-5003 or 252-339-3438.

Thought For The Month:

"God's Wisdom"

3:17 KJV
Why, God? Why did this happen? We do not understand why a child dies when there is so much life yet to live. We do not understand why those who are striving each day to serve Christ have problems and difficulties while others living in sin and openly disobeying God are prosperous. We do not understand why Christian fathers die and leave a young family alone.

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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

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His name is Light and Love and Life!
He lives; Is risen; Go find ye then
The Living Lord – in the hearts of men!

The resurrection is true; Jesus is alive and is alive forever more. The joyous celebration of Easter is not to celebrate an event of two thousand years ago. We don't gather in our place of worship just because it is the thing to do on Easter Sunday. We don't com-

mune with family and friends just to praise the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and to reassure ourselves. But we celebrate, we gather in our places of worship, we commune with family and friends to affirmed the resurrection of Jesus Christ, for strength to carry out His command to tell the story, to spread the word and to proclaim the message that Jesus Christ lives! Praise His Holy name!

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we do indeed magnify and praise God for the doors God continues to open and the ways God continues to make!

In a memo to Executive Committee members dated January 31, 2006, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Gray reported that "On January 27, a wire transfer of the proceeds of the sale was received and deposited into our checking account at Mechanics and Farmers Bank. With that transaction, the Navassa Project is now concluded. An

accounting of the specific financial transactions pursuant to the Lena Springs sale will be made at the March (23rd) General Board meeting."

Commenting on the sale in his March Informer column, President Bullock noted: "The good news continues. The indebtedness attached to the land no longer exists! Surely we can say as a General Baptist Convention Family, **"The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."**

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Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
Dr. William J. Shaw, President

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The Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. is generally held during Labor day week every September. The 126th Annual Session will be held September 4-8, 2006 in Dallas, TX, where an estimated 35,000 delegates will attend!

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- 2006 Dallas, TX
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Quote by Dr. Watson

LIFE... THE WILDEST RIDE ON EARTH!
BUT DEFEAT IS NEVER TERMINAL UNLESS
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of the General Baptist State
Convention

Easter: The Resurrected Lord and Builder

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Here we are in the season, Easter, which emphasizes, lifts up the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. How grateful should we be to the God of heaven and earth for having sent Jesus our way! For sin or disobedience to His word by Adam and Eve left us destroyed/depraved, though mankind was created for worship and fellowship with God. But Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Savior, Lord, Carpenter has come, and given His blood, life, and body as He took on all our sin that those who believe, have faith in Him may and can become or be rebuilt as God's temple. "... you are God's building ... Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles (destroys) the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is Holy, which temple you are" (I Cor. 3:9b, 16 - 17).



Dr. Priscilla Brodie

Then as we reflect on the meaning, the realization, and significance of Easter, let us not glory in our flesh in His presence but rather glory in the Lord because of what He has created and is creating by His Love wounded Hands for us, with us, to us. He is the chief cornerstone and Lord in and of His temple, those who believe in Him. O Come let Us adore Him.

SANCTUARY

"Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You."

John Thompson & Randy Scruggs

Happy Easter!

Reminders

1. The Ministers' Wives and Widows Fellowship Spring Retreat. The annual One-Day Retreat, May 6, 2006, is scheduled to be held at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, and to start at 9:00 A.M. Please ask your husbands to come and share in a session for them to study

and share.

Pre-Registration is \$18.00 per person and \$36.00 for husband and wife. Pre-Registration should be paid in full on or before April 25, 2006. You are encouraged to pre-register so that adequate preparations can be made.

Registration is \$20.00 per person and \$40.00 for husband and wife. It begins at 8:00 A.M. on that Saturday.

Friday Night Stay-Over is \$25.00 Pre-Registration per person and \$52.00 Pre-Registration for husband and wife. Please contact the office for applications.

2. The Leadership Training Conference will convene the week of June 5 - 9, 2006, at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. The fee is \$175.00 per regular attendant and \$125.00 per attendant. A nonrefundable deposit of \$20.00 or the entire fee must be sent along with the completed form. Please contact the office for forms by May 5, 2006.

3. The Youth Bible Camp will be held June 11 - 16(1st week); June 18 - 23(2nd week); June 25 - 30. The fee for the regular camper is \$200.00 and for the day is \$145.00. Campers are received on a first come basis. A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 or the entire fee must be sent along with the completed registration, health, parental/guardian statement forms. Please contact the office for forms.

4. Self-Denial Envelopes may be secured from the office. These funds

should be sent to the office before the Annual Session in July, 2006.

5. Please secure **Housing Reservation Forms** for the Annual Session in Winston Salem and complete the forms and send immediately to the address or fax on the form. The Annual Session is July 23 - 28, 2006 at Benton Convention Center.

6. Please review the **Website** of the Woman's Convention at www.wbh&mc.org for information regarding motto, structure, objectives, programs / ministries.

7. The 2005 - 2006 Budget is \$819,055.00 which is distributed to the objective of Shaw University and the Divinity School, Central Children's Home, Foreign Missions, Baptist Assembly, and State Missions. Please recall that nearly 66 1/2% of the Budget is for State Missions. Therefore, please be

sure your giving of funds at least reflects the same. State mission funds help to enable the Convention to function (stay in existence) fluently and effectively. Please make the checks payable to Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602.



Bronnie H. Daniels
President, WBH & FMC

Center Grove Missionary Baptist Groundbreaking Ceremony

On January 1, 2006, under sunny skies Center Grove Missionary Baptist Church., Red Springs, NC 28377, members broke ground for the church's new 4200 sq. ft. addition of class rooms and offices.. The purpose of the occasion was led by Dr. Samuel Norman Sr., Pastor and prayer by Deacon Obed Wade. Dr. Norman led the Groundbreaking Site Dedication from Genesis 28:10-22

May this place ever be sacred to the Name of God. May this place become a stairway from earth to Heaven. Here may the voice of God be heard. In this place may many come to know God. May Jehovah God ever be our God, and may we and all that we have ever be His. Amen.



Front row left to right: Mr. Hubert Peterkin-Hoke County Sheriff; Deacon Neal Lloyd; Dr. Samuel Norman Sr., Pastor; Deacon Eugene Laney (oldest deacon); Bro. Clyde McNeill-Chairman of Trustees.

Recognition of Guests and Participants included Center Grove Missionary Baptist Church members; Deacon Obed Wade, Chairman of Deacons; Brother Clyde McNeill, Chairman of Trustees; Deacon Neal Lloyd, Chairman Building Committee; Sister Luvie Gillespie, Project coordinator; Woman's Auxiliary; Youth Department; Mr. Hubert Peterkin, Hoke County Sheriff.

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The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Auxiliary to GBSC, currently is seeking applicants to serve as a Bookkeeper/Accountant. Applicants should meet the following qualifications:

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- Have efficient knowledge of computer operations in terms of spreadsheets and general ledgers and any other bookkeeping/ Accounting procedures (Peachtree Software)
- Have adequate typing skills
- Have ability to relate to people
- Have team spirit.

The salary is negotiable; good benefits.

For further information and applications, please write to:

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2005-2006 Oratorical Topics

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Wait God! I didn't mean it
What If?
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Right From Wrong
But My Friends Do It!
The Courage To Say No
God Is Good
Keep yours Eyes On The Prize
Be Careful What You Say
Letting My Little Light Shine

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Truth Makes a Difference
Its What Inside That Counts
The Question Is...
The Lord is My Rock
Faith
A Good Friend Is...
Wait For The Lord
No Greater Love
Is He Yours?
It's A Real Good Thang!

Senior Division

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July 1, 2005)

My Help Comes From the Lord
The Stoplights of Life
Risky Business
What Color is Love?
Building on A Solid Foundation
God Holds The Future
Life Up Jesus
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Longevity of Service Recognized

In conjunction with Black History Month, Mount Vernon Baptist Church of Durham, NC celebrated the longevity of Usher Service of ten of its members Sunday, February 26, 2006. Each member has performed duty 50 years or more in Mt Vernon Baptist Church. Seven of them are still actively ushering.

Appreciation plaques were given to the following members: Sister Bertha Dobson, Sister Lula Evans, Sister Louise Harvey, Sister Leora Jones, Sister

Ernestine Kelly, Brother Monroe Long, Sister Cora McLeod, Brother Johnie Philyaw, Sister Ruby Philyaw, Sister Louise Sims.

Mr. Johnie Philyaw is president of the Usher Department, Mrs. Ruby Philyaw is a member of the State Ushers Convention Executive Board and Supervisor of Youth Baptist Ushers and Rev. Dr. Percy High is pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Durham.



Healthy Eating Project Launches in Person County Churches

Project FRIENDS

(Faith & Research Institutes Engaged in Nutrition Education to Save Lives)



Dr. Anita Holmes

Dr. Anita P. Holmes, Executive Director, Center for Health and Healing, announced the formal launching of Project

FRIENDS at a recent meeting at Duke University Medical Center. Project FRIENDS is a pilot study involving 2 local churches, the Center for Health and Healing and the Duke University Medical Center. The study will begin in Spring 2006. The goal is to prevent diabetes through healthy eating. Healthy eating and physical activity have been demonstrated to prevent diabetes in persons at high risk for the disease. This was the result of a landmark study, the Diabetes Prevention Program, which found that persons at high risk for diabetes prevented getting the disease by reducing fats eaten, increasing physical activity (150 minutes per week), and losing 5% to 7% of body weight.

Dr. Holmes explained that in a familiar and supportive church environment, Project FRIENDS will teach participants the importance of nourishing the body, mind and spirit through healthy eating and lifestyle changes.

Two local pastors have agreed to host the project in their churches: Dr. James Richmond, Pastor, Shady Hill Missionary Baptist Church, and Dr. Langston Logan, Pastor, Lawson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Drs. Richmond and Logan are part of the Study's Intervention Planning Committee. A unique design of the study is that all organizations involved are equal partners in planning activities. Dr. Holmes explained that "the faith community needs to be at the table when the project is designed and when implemented. Church leaders know what works best in their environment." After results of the study are analyzed, the project hopes to extend its reach to other churches in the East Cedar Grove Baptist Association.

When asked why the project was

Volunteers from local churches will be recruited to become Lay Health Advisors. Advisors are natural helpers, trusted and respected church and community members. Advisors will be trained to lead healthy eating activities within their churches.

Should I join the project?

Yes, if you can:

- Attend 8 training sessions (90 minutes long) over a 3 month period.
- Share what you learn with other church members.

Promote healthy eating in your church.

What are the benefits of joining?

You can improve your health and

project?

Pastors in Person County have witnessed the devastation of diabetes in their personal lives and the lives of their congregations. They want to make a difference and stop the devastation.

Why is the project addressing diabetes?

- Diabetes is a leading cause of death and illness in the African-American community.
- African Americans get diabetes more (13.7% compared to 9.6% of the total population).
- African Americans suffer more from diabetes complications.

- Diabetes is the 5th leading cause of death in North Carolina.

- Type 2 diabetes (95% of cases) is preventable if obesity and inactivity are decreased.

- Obesity is an epidemic in African-American communities, 75.4% of all African Americans are obese. This means 3 out of 4 African Americans are obese.

- Obesity in African-american youth is also increase. Having overweight parents increases the risk that children will become obese.

Who do I call for more information?

Center for Health and Healing, Inc., Durham, NC, 919-571-6374 Ext. 4

Shady Hill

Missionary Baptist Church, Roxboro, NC, 336-599-7454

Lawson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Roxboro, NC, 336-597-8761

Project FRIENDS is part of the Center for Health and Healing's Healthy Lifestyle Initiative funded by a grant from the North Carolina Department of Justice.



Pictured from left to right. Front row. Dr. James Richmond (Shady Hill Missionary Baptist), Dr. Galen Wagner (Duke U. Medical Center. Back row: Dr. Langston Logan (Moderator, East Cedar Grove Association / Lawson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church), Dr. Eric Eisenstein (Duke U. Medical Center), and Dr. John Hatch, Dr. Linda Gilliam, Ms. Joyce Page and Dr. Anita P. Holmes (Centers for Health & Healing).

focused in the church, Dr. John Hatch, Senior Development Officer, CHH, explained that the church is the most significant institution in the Black community.

What are the goals of the project?

- Prevent diabetes through healthy eating habits.
- Prevent obesity through healthy eating habits.

How does the project work?

the health of family members, church members and persons in the community.

What type of data will be collected for the project?

- Data collected will be confidential.
- Participants will be asked a few questions.
- Participants will have their weight and height measured and recorded.

Why are church leaders part of the

Excerpts from *Why Celebrate Easter?*
By Steve Russo

Question: "What is Passion Week?"

Answer: Passion Week is the time from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday). Passion Week is described in Matthew chapters 21-27; Mark chapters 11-15; Luke chapters 19-23; and John chapters 12-19. Passion Week includes: the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, Jesus cleansing the temple for the second time, Jesus giving His Olivet Discourse on the end times, Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples, Jesus' arrest and trials before the chief priests, Pilate, and Herod, Jesus' scourging at the hands of the Roman soldiers, Jesus' crucifixion, Jesus' death and burial, and gloriously - Jesus' resurrection. It is referred to as "Passion Week" because in that time, Jesus Christ truly revealed His passion for us in what He willingly went through on our behalf.

Question: "What is Palm Sunday?"

Answer: Palm Sunday is the day we remember Jesus' "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem, exactly one week before His resurrection (Matthew 21:1-11). Some 450-500 years earlier, the Prophet Zechariah had prophesied, "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zechariah 9:9). Matthew 21:7-9

Why Celebrate Easter?

records the fulfillment, "They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" This event took place on the Sunday before Jesus' crucifixion.

In remembrance of this event, known as the "triumphal entry," we celebrate Palm Sunday. It is referred to as "Palm Sunday" because of the palm branches that were laid on the road as Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday was the fulfillment of the Prophet Daniel's "seventy sevens" prophecy - "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble" (Daniel 9:25). John 1:11 tells us, "He (Jesus) came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him." The same crowds that were crying out "Hosanna" were crying out "crucify Him" five days later (Matthew 27:22-23).

Question: "What is Maundy Thursday?"

Answer: Maundy Thursday, also

known as "Holy Thursday" is the Thursday of Passion Week, one day before Good Friday (the Thursday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday:

(1) Jesus having the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituting the Lord's Supper / Communion (Luke 22:19-20). Some Christian churches observe a special Communion service on Maundy Thursday in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples.

(2) Jesus washing the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility (John 13:3-17). Some Christian churches observe a foot-washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday to commemorate Jesus washing the feet of the disciples.

Question: "What is Good Friday?"

Answer: Good Friday is the Friday immediately preceding Easter Sunday. It is traditionally the day on which Jesus was crucified.

Why is Good Friday referred to as "good"? What the Jewish authorities and Romans did to Jesus was definitely not good (see Matthew chapters 26-27). However, the results of Christ's death are very good! Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us

in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." 1 Peter 3:18, "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit."

Question: "Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ important?"

Answer: "...Then is Christ not risen..."; "...If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain..."; "...we are found false witnesses of God..."; "...Ye are yet in your sins..."; "...They also which are fallen asleep in Christ (died) are perished..."; "...We are of all men most miserable" (verses 13-19). The logic is inescapable. Faith in a dead Savior is both preposterous and pathetic. Paul's preaching affirms something that God did not really accomplish, if the resurrection did not actually occur.

Question: Why should we celebrate Easter?

Answer: Easter should be the most openly joyful time of celebration of the church year. Celebrated against the background of the shadows and darkness of Lent and Holy Week, this season truly becomes a living expression of the hope that God has brought into the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Since this hope of renewal and new life, both present and future, is at the heart of the Good News that the church is commissioned to proclaim and live in the world, every possible avenue of proclaiming that Good News should be utilized.

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14th Annual Session of the All-Baptist Training Institute

The Reverend Spencer Hardaway and the Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church congregation of Asheville, NC have graciously opened their hearts and doors to host the Baptist Ministers' Union of Asheville, NC and surrounding counties 14th annual session of the All-Baptist Training Institute, on Sunday - Thursday, April 2-6, 2006, 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The guest speaker is Ms. Diane Newell, President of the GBSC of NC., Inc., Congress of Christian Education. The theme is: "Equipping the Holistic Church for Effective Ministry" (Ephesians 4:11-14). Ms. Newell will speak at the lead-off worship service, Sunday, April 2, 2006.

The week's sessions will begin on Monday, April 3, and culminate on Thursday, April 6. Sessions will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. nightly. Registration of churches and individuals will begin immediately. Church representation is \$125, and individual representa-

tion is \$5.

There will be classes for everyone. The B.M.U. continues to be a global leader in inclusion and opportunities provided for all church leaders and members, regardless of gender or age. Classes and instructors are: Pastors/Ministers/Wives, Dr. John Grant; Deacons/Deaconesses, Dr. N.M. Avery, Sr. (Raleigh, NC), Trustees, Deacon Willie Vincent and Rev. John Brewster, Sunday School/Christian Education Workers, Rev. Ronnie Sullivan; Preschool/Children/Youth Departments, Sis. Vonda Mills, Director; Music Department, Sis. Treva Chavis and Dr. Horace Maxile; Ushers, Sis. Pauline Young and Sis. Patty Ray; General Studies, Rev. Spencer Hardaway; Health Care and Exercise, Deacon Josephine Hall and Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. (a professional nursing organization); Transportation, Rev. Matthew Tollison; Sis. Catherine Whipple, Institute

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Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church Women's Conference

By Mrs. Deborah Harvey
Women Conference Chair

The women of Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville, North Carolina recently held their second annual Sisterhood Rainbow Conference, with "Women Working for the Lord" as the theme. Spiritually guided and supported by their Pastor Rev. Joel D. Churchwell, the purpose of the conference was to unite the women of Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church and other churches in the community through spiritual growth, education, and personal enrichment.

The two-day conference was a testimony and celebration of the goodness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Mrs. Portia H. Brandon--Coordinator of Christian Education for the

North Carolina General Baptist State Convention was the workshop facilitator and guest speaker. The presence of the Holy Spirit guided her awesome presentations, directed the magnificent praise and worship team, and focused every aspect of the conference on glorifying and praising God.

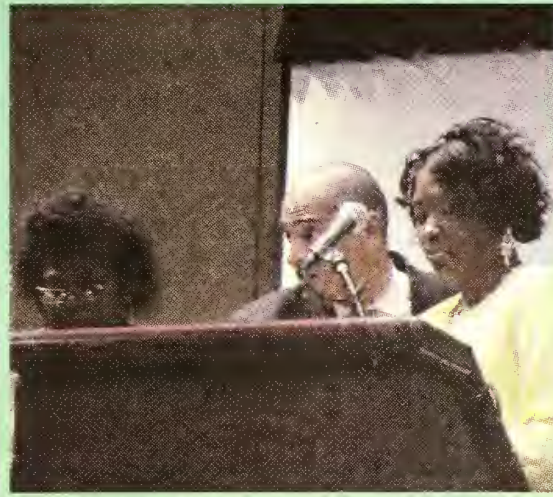
By virtue of God's grace and mercy, the conference purpose was achieved with women attending in masses from Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church, from the churches of the Trent River Oakey Grove Association, and from many of the local area community churches. Women also traveled from as far away as California, Virginia, and Georgia to be a part of this wonderful weekend. A proclamation from the city was also presented by the Mayor of Jacksonville in honor

of the occasion.

Women were encouraged at the end of the conference to do their part to lift up the name of Jesus, to tell others about His goodness, His mercy, and especially His endless love. As Sisters in Christ the women of Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church will tell you that prayer is the voice of their faith and that their prayers were answered because God truly blessed their conference in a magnificent way—**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!**



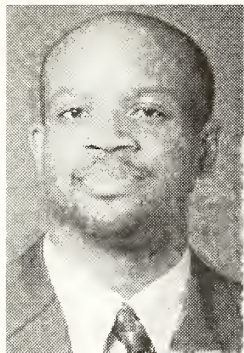
Congress One Day Session Highlights



Former Youth Officer of WBH & FMC

CINDY GEORGE, Staff Writer
News&Observer.com

A young prosecutor and a seasoned private lawyer were tapped Thursday to become District Court judges.



Rozier, 29, is the youngest appointed Wake judge.

Gov. Mike Easley named Vince Rozier Jr., 29, to the Wake District Court bench. Rozier will replace Alice Stubbs, who stepped down in December for private practice.

He will take the seat of the youngest Wake judge ever appointed by becoming the youngest Wake judge ever appointed. Stubbs was 30 at her November 1997 swearing-in.

Robert W. "Bob" Bryant Jr., 52, was appointed as a judge for the judicial dis-

trict that covers Johnston, Harnett and Lee counties. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Marcia Stewart.

Both Rozier and Bryant will have to win May primaries and November general elections to keep their seats.

Rozier, a Wake assistant district attorney since 2001, said he expects to serve as a sort of "relief judge" for the District Court, handling child support, small claims appeals and other civil cases such as landlord-tenant issues and personal-injury cases seeking damages between \$4,000 and \$10,000.

Rozier said he will wrap up as many cases in the District Attorney's Office as he can this week and pass along others, such as the murder cases against three teens charged in the shooting death of retired Raleigh teacher Shirley Newkirk.

Easley names 2 as district judges Vince Rozier is tapped for Wake County bench; Robert Bryant for Lee, Johnston and Harnett

A high school valedictorian, Rozier has worked in the community registering voters and speaking to school children. He has held several offices in the Wake County Democratic Party, including president of the Wake County Young Democrats, and has worked on several statewide campaigns.

His father, the Rev. Winston Rozier Sr., is vice chairman of the Bladen County school board and a Democrat. The new judge married into

the Becton family: His wife, father-in-law and two brothers-in-law practice law in Raleigh, Durham and Charlotte.

"People get to see you're interested in the community," Vince Rozier said. "The community has been my heart."

The governor also chose Bryant, who earned both his undergraduate and law degrees at UNC-Chapel Hill. He brings more than 23 years of experience in private practice to the bench.

Bryant's father served as chairman of the Johnston County Democratic Party. The new Judge Bryant, of Selma, has been involved in the Johnston County Democratic Party for two decades. He also serves as vice chairman of the Johnston Community College board of trustees.

Scholarship recipient

Ashelyn Nicole James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin James, graduated from Goldsboro High School as Valedictorian, May, 2005. Ms. James was offered approximately \$360,000.00 in academic scholarships. She was a candidate for the John Motley Morehead Scholarship to UNC-Chapel Hill and the Parks Scholarship to attend N.C. State University. She opted to accept the scholarship to UNC.

She was named one of the eight state winners of the N.C. High School Athletic Association Ejection Free Program. This award recognized Ashelyn for her exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity for her participation in basketball, volleyball and track during her four years of high school.

Ashelyn joined Best Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Goldsboro, NC, May, 1994 where Rev.

Joe A. Jackson is Pastor. She sings in the Youth/Young Adult Choir and is active in other youth activities in the Church.



Ashelyn Nicole James

As a student of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ashelyn is pursuing a double major in International Studies and Spanish.

The John Motley Morehead Scholarship provides the following:

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Secretary; Sis. Rosa Roberts and Sis. Louise Ray, Registrars; Deacon Robbie Williams is the 2006-2007 Institute Christian Education Coordinator; and the Rev. Benjamin Watkins is 2006-2007 Institute Dean.

The Baptist Ministers' Union is made up of 27 member churches in the Asheville, Buncombe, McDowell, Henderson, Haywood and Transylvania counties of Western North Carolina. Dr. L.C. Ray, Pastor of the Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, is President of the Union, and Dr. C.R. Mosley, pastor of the Nazareth First Missionary Baptist Church, is Vice President.

Christian Education Coordinator, Deacon Robbie Williams, who serves as Third Vice President of the G.B.S.C. of N.C., Inc. Congress of Christian Education, states that "the day has long

passed and gone when the leaders of the Baptist churches, be they pastors, officers, teachers, etc., lead groups of children and adults without the proper training. Effective leadership is a vital key for the growth and success of any ministry. That's what the Baptist Ministers' Union has tried to do in this Training Institute for the past 14 years, and will continue to do, with the support of the churches and friends. The Institute will provide new opportunities and encouragement to the pastors, officers and teachers to have a passion for and take advantage of this information, recognizing how important it is to clearly understand the process by which the Baptist Church should conduct God's affairs. The time is now to come together to be equipped for Kingdom building."

An orientation session of all instructors will be led by Dr. C.R. Mosley on Saturday, February 18, from 11 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. at the Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church, 100 Caroll Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801. Elder Alfred Blount is the host pastor. Dr. Mosley will also perform the installation service on Sunday, April 2, immediately after the address by guest speaker Ms. Diane Newell.

Christian Education is an important challenge to prepare ourselves to help others on this Christian journey, and we pray that you will join us and be a part of the great Institute, here in the beautiful mountains. Start now making your preparations to be here. If you can't attend, your finan-

cial contributions, spiritual support and prayers will be most appreciated for the success of this session.

For more information about the upcoming Training Institute, call Ms. Robbie J. Williams, Christian Education Coordinator, at (818) 281-0208 or email her at oyaat2@aol.com. You may also contact Rev. Benjamin Watkins, Institute Dean, at (828) 271-4384, or by email at benwatkins@aol.com. Inquiries by regular mail should be addressed to: Baptist Ministers Union, P.O. Box 446, Asheville, NC 28802.

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DR. CHARLES T. BULLOCK, PRESIDENT, GBSC
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July 19-21, 2006

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ASSOCIATION _____

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The Time and Season of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc.

By Dr. Charles Bullock
President GBSC



Dr. Charles
Bullock

It was in the year of 1867, the tenth month and the seventeen day when the time had ripened and the season had come for the birth of an organizational structure to promote missions at home and abroad. Upon its birth, the organization was named **The General Association of the Colored Baptist of North Carolina**. As time passed and the seasons changed, this organization as we know it today became known as the **General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.**

Our convention has a distinguishing mark, the Insignia. It stands as a symbol to convey the purpose or mission of our convention. It is found on most of the communications of the convention. The late Drs. Claude R. Trotter, Sr., and John Fleming and former president of the convention, Dr. W. B. Lewis, wrote the history of the convention and entitled it **A Splendid Enterprise**. On page XII of this book an explanation of the Insignia is given as follows:

The insignia of the General Baptist State Convention consists of three circles – outer, inner, and inner-inner. The circle is a symbol of completeness, of unity, of togetherness.

Between the outer and the first inner circle is the name General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and the year of its birth, 1867. This points to the GBSC as the parent body, the unifying force, an all-inclusive facet that includes the woman's division, the educational program, the ushers and the laymen.

Between the first and second circle, the major objectives are listed: promoting Christian Education primarily, Shaw University and the

Shaw Divinity School; missions, primarily stated, as embodied in the work of the Baptist Headquarters and Foreign, as carried out by the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; and benevolences, primarily aiding the Children's Home of Oxford, North Carolina.

*In the second inner circle, there is the cross imposed on a map of the world, implying that the purpose for the existence of the convention is to respond to the Great Commission: **Go into all the world... Preach, teach.***

This insignia should serve as our inspiration as African-American Baptists of North Carolina to gather in union meetings, association, conventions, and at the State sessions.

The insignia points to the

Convention's reason for being. It should not be taken lightly.

We are told in Ecclesiastes 3:3 that there is a "time to break down, and a time to build up." The history of our convention reveals that there have been challenging times and glorious times, valleys and mountaintops. Yet God has guided us through all seasons and has brought us to the present season.

We give God the glory and praise His name for guiding us through all seasons with the circle of unity and togetherness. Our mission is not yet complete for God is working through our pastors and churches, associations and auxiliaries giving strength to our convention in this season.

As I read Ecclesiastes 3:1-12, I believe the writer is saying that the sea-

sons of our lives and of the convention are of God's creation and that the seasons described in these lines are the deep, life changing moments that we encounter during the period and seasons of our lives. Time should not be regarded as something to measure the distance between now and then, for it is part of God's created order and must be looked upon as good, whether it is break down time or time to build up. The point of life is to live in the seasons of God's creation, for it is not our toil, but our obedience; it is not our achievements, but our submission to God's will; it is not what we accomplish in God's good season, but how faithful we live in the season of God.

As we, the convention, continue in this season of God's grace and mercy, we shall continue to glorify His name, and thank Him and you for your unity and continued support and prayers as we move forward "serving the present age."

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

Chairman Grant visits Cedar Grove and West Roanoke Associations, Durham area Clergy



Dr. John H.
Grant

By Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice President At Large

Yanceyville, Durham, Windsor – Chairman Grant met with the Cedar Grove Association, Rev. Everette Dickerson, Moderator; the West Roanoke Association, Rev. Ralph White, Moderator; and Durham area pastors. The meeting with Cedar Grove was held on March 25, 2006 at the Association's Memorial Building in Yanceyville. The meeting with West Roanoke was held on March 30, 2006 at First Baptist Winton, Rev. Robert Horton, Pastor. The meeting with Durham area pastors was held on March 30, 2006 at Peace Missionary Baptist Church in Durham, Rev. W. E. Daye, pastor. On behalf of the General Board, we are grateful to these moder-

ators, association officials, pastors and ministers for their kind hospitality and warm reception of Chairman and Vice President At Large Grant.

During these visits, concerns and issues were received for follow-up and referral to the General Board and Convention. Following is a summary of issues and concerns, as well as Chairman Grant's responses on behalf of the Board.

Issues and Concerns From Durham Area Pastors

1. How can we make Convention programs more inclusive?

Grant: The General Board can communicate this mandate to the Program Committee who is responsible to plan the program outline and program participants for all Convention programs. This request will be submitted to the General Board.

2. The "Old Guard" is still trying to control the Convention. The composition of the General Board and Executive Committee need to change. The same old members are controlling and dominating. This discourages many pastors and parishioners from participating.

Grant: The constitution stipulates how the General Board and Executive Committee are to be appointed and constituted. While each board and committee member has equal opportunity to voice opinions and concerns, some are more vocal than others. The constitution aims to achieve parity, fair and balanced representations on all boards and committees. If that aim is not being achieved, then bylaws and/or amendments may be in order. Meanwhile, we are legally and morally obligated to abide by the constitution currently in place.

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State Mission: The General Board Part III

By Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.,
1st Vice President



Dr. Howard
Parker, Jr.

During the year of 2005, the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina adopted a General Board Policy #GEN-1001, "Board Covenant/Code of Conduct Policy."

With membership of this Board changing every four years and due to the number of personalities who make up this Board, General Board members felt it was time to put into place, in writing, a document to guide its members during meetings of the Board.

Last month in the Baptist Informer, I

shared with you the first ten items of the Board Covenant/Code of Conduct. In this article you will find the seven remaining items of the Board Policy which state:

11. I shall have a sense of direction and perspective that enables me to see the present in terms of the future.

12. I shall provide support to the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Incorporated through money and in-kind donations from my self, my church, my association, and others, representative of my self-established goal of commitment to the organization, as determined at the beginning of the fiscal year. My personal annual gift amount is \$100.00 or more.

13. I shall understand that confidentiality with respect to all aspects of the organization's actions, the actions of the

General Board, and the actions of the staff of the organization, are necessary components for efficient and productive operation of the goals and objectives of the organization; and further, that I shall refrain from any actions which may lead to the dissemination of such internal information, including but not limited to, seeking advice from a trusted colleague, gossip, and the misplacement of Board and organizational material.

14. I accept that only one individual speaks on behalf of the organization, as designated by the General Board, and that I should defer speaking to the press, government or any individual, to that so designated individual.

15. I accept that once the General Board has made a decision as a collective body, I shall conduct myself as part of that col-

lective body, and shall not disseminate, represent or present another opinion or action that was not determined by the General Board to be an action or opinion of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc.

16. I shall bring humor to the operation of the Convention, in order to rejuvenate and assist my fellow directors of the Board in focusing on their duties in a relaxed and faithful manner.

17. I understand that failure to comply with this Covenant shall be just cause for my dismissal from the General Board by my fellow directors.

Each General Board member after reading the Covenant is asked to sign and date the document which will be kept on file in the offices of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., Headquarters.

From the desk of the Second Vice-President

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, D. Min.,
2nd Vice President

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus had a knack for glorifying the common things and common people. He defended the defenseless, healed the afflicted, received the outcasts, ate with the sinners, delivered the downtrodden, elevated the oppressed, gave worth to women, loved the lepers—you name it, Jesus did it. He shook up the foundation of political correctness and religious self-piety.

Because of Jesus, many insignificant things took on new significance—light, salt, sparrows, lilies, bread and wine, a crown of thorns, an old rugged cross, and borrowed tomb. Nothing was too small and nobody was too insignificant to merit the attention of our Lord. This truth is manifested as spring begins to break forth in its entire divinely ordained splendor. New life appears in

all of its colorful glory. The handiwork of God once again provides a marvelous array of greenery and pageantry.

In all of this, the common dandelion will make its presence felt. The dandelion is interesting. It will grow where nothing else will. It is not prejudice, picky, nor persnickety about where it will grow. It will grow in the yard of the rich or the poor. The dandelion is not concerned about the race, religion, culture, creed, or political preference of the yard's owner. It will grow wherever it can take root.

The amazing thing about the dandelion is its ability to persevere --- to rise above its surroundings. No matter how high the grass grows or how dry the ground becomes, it perseveres. The dandelion, much to the dismay of many gardeners, will rise above it all!

Some people are like that. They rise above it all. In the midst of discouragement and troubles, they RISE!

- Distress and criticism? They RISE!
- Limited resources and a succession of failures? They RISE!
- Red seas in front, pharaohs in the back, mountains on the side? They RISE!
- Hungry lions, flaming furnaces, high walls, ungrateful murmurers? They RISE!

They rise above it all because, like the dandelion, they understand that nothing can keep them down when they reach up for God's sunshine. They refuse to be smothered and bound by circumstances. The dandelion not only adds color to the drab places of earth. It eventually scatters seed.

Our convention is similar to the

dandelion. It has been able to RISE ABOVE IT ALL. It's fruitful ministry through varied objectives, including Foreign Missions, has often been overlooked and unappreciated. But through it all, the fruit of our convention's labor has provided color in drab places for many who are outcast and undernourished. Through it all, our convention continues to scatter seeds of *Christian Education, Missions, and Benevolence*. Through it all, our convention scatters seeds that serve the present age. Your prayers and support through the years have made this possible. Like the dandelion, our convention continues to RISE ABOVE IT ALL!

Please continue to be good stewards of this ministry. Rise above the tendency to assume that all is well. Refuse to be smothered by daily routines and "busyness" that may not always glorify God and edify others. Abhor the rumors that seek to pronounce the death sen-

tence on a heritage and legacy that has stood the test of time. Put off the fabric of being a spectator and put on the garment of being a participator. Experience the power of resurrection even when the death sentence has been pronounced. Nothing and nobody will keep us down because we have God to lift us up. And if God be for us ... !

Encourage your church, ministry, association, and community to support our convention, the objectives, and particularly the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Ministry. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing from you soon. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" (Philippians 4:23, NKJV).



Dr. Nilous
Avery, II

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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

News from the Central Children's Home

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
Fourth Vice President

Verse For The Month: "Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the coronet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?"

Rev. Ricky Banks

Some decisions in life only have

two options. It is yes or no, right or left, black or white, a or b. That does not necessarily make them easy decisions, however. When there are two sides and both are positive, psychologists call this an approach-approach dilemma. We are in a "no-lose" situation and either choice is a good choice. On the other hand, if both are negative, this is an avoidance-avoidance dilemma and we are in a "no-win" situation. We are forced to choose the lesser of two evils.

Daniel and his friends had such a choice-worship the golden idol, or be thrown in the fiery furnace. They knew to worship the idol was wrong, but they did not want to die. For them, however,

the choice was clear. They would not bow to an idol. They would stand up for

God and follow His commands, no matter what it meant for them personally.

We may be called upon to make a choice

when it seems that there are no positive options. Then we are required to look at the options as God wants us to look at them, and choose His will, without worrying about the personal consequences. Do we have the faith to do this?

On behalf of our Central Children's Home a special thanks to Rev. Haywood T. Gray and the GBSC family for \$11,530 donation for capital improvements for Cheatham Building. Also con-

tributions from GBSC are current through March 2006. A reminder of Central Children's Home Day In Oxford June 17, 2006 with the parade starting at 10:00AM. The population up to date is maximum 52 and currently 27. The cost for daily operation is rising at an unbelievable rate which, has our Home in a desperate need. To give an example, for the months of January and February utilities were out \$20,000, and the income is not meeting the expenses. If our Home has ever needed your help we surely need it now. Mr. Austin is doing all he possible can to cut back and still maintain our Home in a professional way. Thanks Mr. Austin for all you do. Again we close asking for prayers and your financial support. We can be reached at 252-339-3438 or 252-335-5003.

(CHAIRMAN, from page 1)

3. The Convention constitution needs amending. Bylaws are also needed.

Grant: Upon my recommendation, the General Board has appointed a Constitution and Bylaws committee to recommend necessary revisions, amendments, and bylaws. Proposed revisions and amendments were recommended in the 138th Annual Session meeting in Asheville this past October. A final vote is to be taken on the same during the Mid Year Session meeting in

Wilmington on May 8-10, 2006.

4. We gave away Convention land recently sold in Navassa.

Grant: The sale of the Navassa land was recommended and approved by the Convention's Board of Trustees, the

Executive Committee and the General Board. The sale was also approved by the Convention at large during a prior business session.

Issues and Concerns Raised at West Roanoke Association

1. Why does the Convention charge \$750.00 for Convention personnel to do workshops in local churches and/or associations?

Grant: The Convention assesses no such charge. We need to know the source of this misinformation so that it may be corrected.

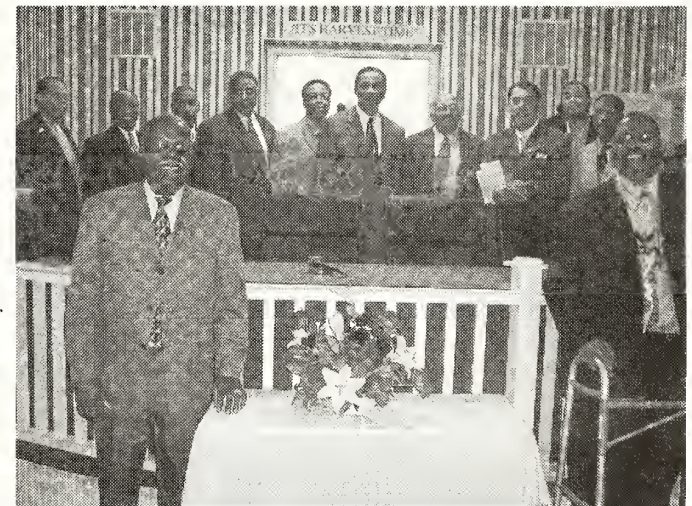
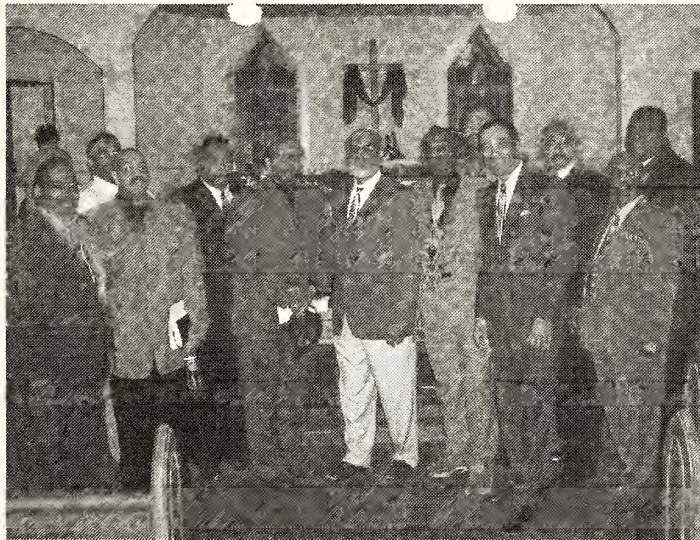
2. Why does the Convention charge a \$500.00 registration fee? This is too much for smaller churches who are already sending monthly contributions to the Convention.

Grant: Information about a registration fee of \$500.00 has gone out in Convention correspondence. This matter will be reviewed by the Board in its May 9, 2006 meeting in Wilmington to determine whether the \$500.00 fee contradicts what's stipulated in the Constitution. Appropriate correspondence to churches will follow.

3. Leadership from the Convention during the Katrina disaster was disappoint-

ing.

Grant: The Convention did provide leadership by contacting churches and soliciting funds for Katrina victims. Over \$74,000.00 was received. These funds have been and are being distributed both to agencies serving victims and directly to victims themselves who were recommended by GBSC pastors.



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This information was reported to the General Board, but it should have been more widely reported through the Baptist Informer and direct mailings to churches.

There were not issues or concerns received from the Cedar Grove Association.

Pictured with Chairman Grant from the Cedar Grove Association are Moderator Everette Dickerson (front left) and other pastors; from West Roanoke are Moderator Ralph White (6th from right) and other pastors.

Woman's Convention

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

A Christian Mother's Role

How quickly another year has come, and it is that season to appreciate, to emphasize, to acknowledge God's gift of



Dr. Priscilla
Brodie

motherhood. How blessed are we to have or have had mothers, Christian mothers who realize/realized that they are/were called by God, the Lord Jesus Christ to share with Him in creation and recreation, along with the father, in the home. Such mothers realize/realized that they are to:

Worship? "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee" - Psalm 67:3.

Evangelise/Witness? "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband, else were your children unclean; but now are they holy" -1 Corinthians. 7:14.

Fellowship? "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" -1 John 1:7.

Nurture? "My son, hear the

instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother" - Proverbs 1:8.

Minister? "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea she reacheth forth her hand to the needy. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness" -Proverbs 31:20 & 27.

To God be the glory for mothers, Christian mothers and may He give them in Christ His strength and righteousness to carry on in His way.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Reminders

The Woman's Convention seeks to teach and live in Jesus, a charge that God has given. Is it that the Convention is to manifest a Mother's Love? Following are reminders for sharing God's love with others.

1. Scholarship Program-Young Adults or Youth applying for scholarships, should apply on or before May 31, 2006. Contact the office: (919) 833-4823 for applications and brochures.

2. The Leadership Training Conference will convene June 5 -9, 2006 at J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly at Laurel Hill. The deadline for pre-registration is May 17. Please contact the office for Pre-Registration forms.

3. Housing Reservation Forms are now available for the 122nd Annual Session in Winston-Salem. Please complete the form and send it directly to the given address on the form. The Annual Session Assembly will meet July 24-27, 2006 at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

4. Mission Prayer Day is June 24, 2006. Please send to the office for the free material for the missionary county unions, and churches not associated with a union. Use the form given in the SWLW Booklet or contact the office for a form.

5. The Young Adult Retreat will be held June 3, 2006 at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Association. Pre-Registration \$20.00 Single; \$35.00 couple. On-Site \$21.00 Single; \$36.00 Couples (Husband & Wife). Please pre-register by May 19, 2006. (See Form)

6. The Youth Bible Camp will be held June 11-16, 2006 (Week 1); June 18-23, 2006 (Week 2); June 25-June 30, 2006 (Week 3) at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. Campers are received on a first-come basis. Please contact the office for Youth Bible Camp applications now.

7. Self Denial Envelopes can be secured from the office.

*** 8. When books are mailed there will need to be an additional cost for postage; the invoice will reflect the book cost and the additional cost of postage.**

District Conference color code for July (Annual Session) will change:

2006	Blue (Everyone)
2007	Green (Everyone)
2008	Yellow (Everyone)
2009	Red (Everyone)

9. The 2005-2006 Budget is in the amount \$819,055.00 which will be distributed among the objectives: State Missions-\$578,154.00, Foreign Missions \$80,901.00, Shaw University-\$49,500.00, Shaw Divinity School-\$33,500.00, Central Children Home-\$36,500.00 and Baptist Assembly-\$40,500.00. Check and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. PLEASE send generous funds now in particular for State Missions. **More than one half of funds sent, if designated, should be designated for State Missions**, because of the ministries, staff, and operations cost. THANKS TO GOD AND TO YOU in advance for responding to this our great need in order to implement His mission effectively.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

JUNE 3, 2006

LOCATION: J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, North Carolina

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BEFORE THE DEADLINE: MAY 19th, 2006

Advance Donation: _____ \$20.00 Per Person _____ \$35.00 Per Couple (Husband & Wife)

On-Site Donation: _____ \$21.00 Per Person _____ \$36.00 Per Couple (Husband & Wife)

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Church: _____

Telephone Number() _____ Address _____

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My Child(ren) will attend the Youth Class () Yes () No

Name of Child(ren) _____

Age(s) _____

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When you consult with me, my first step is a detailed inquiry of the various programs at your church. This enables me to understand my services. Our first meeting is to get acquainted and find out your needs.

The second step is providing a master plan of your entire church property and renderings or models of the proposed buildings.

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Specifications (in laypersons language)

I have found that coordinating all of these design phases through one firm avoids costly delays, misunderstanding and mistakes during constructions.

There are many phases in church planning and design which require a specialist in that field. When you start your next building program, I hope you will give me a call.

At Your Service
Thomas L. Jones

How to have a successful Vacation Bible School

Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education Coordinator

Urban Ministries

Publisher of Vacation Bible School curricula designed specifically for African American churches



Portia
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Prayer Power

With so many details to consider, always remember in doing our Lord's work, He is there to guide if only we will take the time to listen. As you search for volunteers, don't

forget the critical task of asking for inclusion of the VBS program, its staff and planning, in the prayers of church members.

VBS Program Goals & Objectives

Very early in the planning process staff must give serious consideration to establishing goals for the VBS program.

- What objectives must be met if the program is to be considered a success?
- Is God calling you to reach out in a new way to a new segment of the community?
- Are you planning a week to enrich the church children's understanding of the Bible?
- Is the program to be an outreach to the community?

Vacation Bible School Staff

Job Description

VBC Director:

- Responsible for the overall functioning of Bible School.
- Lines up available staff with open positions.
- Makes sure that staff understand and meet their responsibilities.
- Plans schedule and use of space with assistance of staff.
- Registration of students, including greeting students as they arrive and making sure that all reach the correct class.
- Ordering basic materials (teacher manuals, workbooks)
- Responsible for organizing daily closing program.

Assistant VBS Director:

- Responsible for providing support for VBS Director, accepting responsibility for some tasks assigned to VBS Director.
- Position to be considered a learning experience so that individual would be able to move into VBS Director position in future years.

Teachers:

- Responsible for organizing activities for time spent in class room.
- This may include lesson, story time, workbook, attendance, memory verse learning.
- Providing supplies coordinator with required items by agreed deadline.
- Obtaining necessary supplies (with General Coordinator's approval) if such supplies become necessary after deadline has passed.

Crafts Coordinator

- Plans crafts appropriate to each age group which can be completed in assigned time segments.
- Creates list of necessary supplies to be given to supplies coordinator by agreed deadline.
- Responsible for instructing and guiding planned project.

Supplies Coordinator:

- Responsible for obtaining materials lists from teachers & crafts coordinator by agreed deadline.
- Obtains necessary materials and distributes them to staff needing them.

Music Coordinator:

- Learns VBS songs in order to teach them.
- Works with pianist to assure that the music is an enriching part of the program.
- Development & supervision of final closing celebration

Pianist (and/or Guitar player):

- Works with Music Coordinator to develop music program.
- Provides accompaniment during Music time and during daily opening and/or closing.

Refreshments Coordinator:

- Responsible for scheduling volunteers to prepare daily snacks.
- Responsible for obtaining snacks for use (nutritious juice and snacks preferred to sugary sweets.)

Art Coordinator:

- Develops necessary supporting artwork.
- This may include: registration brochure; publicity poster; room decorations; skit scenery

Setup & Take-down staff:

- Individuals who would be available before and after the week of Bible School to assist in decorating for the week and then to help return the building to its standard condition.

Daily Clean-up Staff

- Individuals spend time in the church anytime between the close of one daily session & the beginning of the next. Tasks may include vacuuming, emptying wastebaskets, etc.

Suggestions for minimizing costs

- Begin your planning early.
- Watch supermarket sales for drinks & snacks that can be stored.
- VBS publishers provide many options

for printed materials -- registration, attendance, publicity, etc. Consider carefully which add the greatest benefit. Where can personally created items save over the purchased materials?

Publicity to church members

- Keep the church members informed of progress if you expect to keep them involved in the program. VBS will have the most impact when it becomes a church function rather than just the responsibility of one small committee.
- Publicize dates as soon as they are set -- and set them early. Companies often require employees to schedule vacations far in advance. Avoid the problem of hearing: "If only I had known earlier -- we are away on vacation that week."
- Pull out pictures from last year. Remind people of what a good time it was.

Publicity to the Community

- Take advantage of any newspaper "Religious Notes" column to extend the invitation to community members.
- Take nothing for granted. Do church neighbors really know they are welcome even if not members? So many have been surprised to realize that membership is not a requirement for their children to participate.
- Many of the formal curricula offer outdoor weather-resistant banners. Take advantage of these items or create your own to inform those passing by the church.
- Many supermarkets or other local stores offer bulletin board space. Inexpensive posters can be created by providing church school children graphics that can be colored & mounted on colored paper.
- Word-of-mouth is still the best publicity. Encourage children active in the life of the church to invite their friends.

VBS Facilities

- If you are tight on table space, some children enjoy the floor & lapboards for completing worksheets.
- If you have space outdoors, tables & chairs under a picnic canopy can be an inviting spot.
- Space can be used efficiently if using the learning center concept. Determine which activities can be held in which areas (music but certainly not crafts might work in the sanctuary). Small children need a secure safe area with appropriately sized furniture. Create a schedule which allows the children to move from one activity to another. As one group moves out of an activity, a new group moves in -- thus maximizing space use.
- Be alert to activities which benefit from large groups and be aware of those where small grouping is more beneficial. For example, a combining of groups works great at music time; but

working on worksheets or crafts requires smaller groups if space and staff support is to be successful.

- Snacktime is one activity that benefits from being moved outside as it takes on a picnic atmosphere.

VBS Closing Celebration & Follow-up

Closing

Plan for a closing celebration separate from the daily activities and invite parents, community residents, and church members who could not participate in the daily program. Use this time to let the children share what they have learned. The curricula offer suggestions for a closing program. Make use of their ideas but don't hesitate to adjust them for your specific needs.

Refreshments following the program can provide a fellowship time. If space allows, a display of the crafts created during the week or a display relevant to the mission project can help parents understand how their children spent their time. Staff needs to be especially attentive to those families with no church affiliation. Make certain they know they are welcome to return. If there are specific events on the church schedule, extend an invitation.

Follow-up

Were photos or videos taken during the week? Be certain to display them both at the closing celebration & in the church at least for the following Sunday. Let the congregation know how much they missed by not being involved. Sow the seeds now so that recruiting next year will be an easier process.

Be certain to have a wrap-up session with staff. A week or two after close is a good time. Particularly seek out those who were new as helpers -- their perspectives will provide fresh insight. Teachers & helpers can be given questions in advance to help them consider what to share, but the real benefit comes from the brainstorming & discussion of what worked well & what issues became problems. Take notes now and ease the planning process next spring.

Make use of the registration list as a follow-up tool. Distribute the list to Sunday School teachers so that they can extend invitations to Sunday School.

VBS Planning Timeline

Six months or more before VBS Week

- Set dates for VBS
- Publicize dates to congregation
- Consider long-term craft preparation

Four months before VBS

- Open meeting of interested individuals for brain storming
- Estimate attendance
- Order materials

Three months before VBS

(VBS, cont. page 6)

Congress of Christian Education

June 26-28, 2006

North Carolina Central University
Campus, Durham, NC

Host Moderator,

Moderator Lafayette Maxwell

Association: New Hope Association

2005-2006 Oratorical Topics

Preparatory Division

(6th, 7th, 8th, Grade as of July 1, 2005)

Wait God! I didn't mean it
What If?

JAMES F. WENTZ ORATORICAL CONTEST

Persistence Pays
Right From Wrong
But My Friends Do It!
The Courage To Say No
God Is Good
Keep yours Eyes On The Prize
Be Careful What You Say
Letting My Little Light Shine

Junior Division

(9th, 10th, 11th grade as if July 1, 2005)

Truth Makes a Difference
Its What Inside That Counts
The Question Is...
The Lord is My Rock
Faith
A Good Friend Is...
Wait For The Lord
No Greater Love
Is He Yours?
It's A Real Good Thang!

Senior Division (Rising High School Seniors as of July 1, 2005)

My Help Comes From the Lord
The Stoplights of Life
Risky Business
What Color is Love?
Building on A Solid Foundation
God Holds The Future
Life Up Jesus
Whose World Is It Anyway?
There Is Hope
It's Gonna Be a Brighter Day
When Friends and Faith Disagree

(VBS, from page 5)

- Education congregation about staffing needs
- Distribute teacher materials as received
- Compile registration list

Two months before VBS

- Distribute registration forms
- Create daily schedule for VBS week
- Publicity to congregation
- Publicity to community
- Fill teaching staff positions
- Staff training

One month before VBS

- Maintain list of registered students
- Stay alert to needs for staffing adjustments

One week before VBS

- Final adjustment of space use
- Check of student count with materials
- Provide teachers with current info about their classes
- Decorations
- Prepare parent packets

Last Day before VBS

- Last-minute check of supplies (are the pencils sharpened?)
- Final room preparation
- Pray

First Day of VBS

- Arrive early -- take time for prayer
- Celebrate the opportunities to witness
- Watch for rough spots needed adjustment
- After the children leave, brief staff meeting to catch loose ends

Week after VBS

- Appreciation to the staff
- Collect evaluations & suggestions from staff
- Photo display for congregation (let them know what they missed)
- List to Church School teachers, especially for families not affiliated with any church
- Return unused materials
- Financial summary

Resources

[Children's Ministry Resources](#)

[LifeWay Christian Resources](#)

[\(UMI Vacation Bible School 2006 The Jesus Family Reunion Leader's Kit VBS-Item#ISBN: X524142 Retail Price: \\$17.99\)](#)

A Mother's Day Corsage

Red indicates your mother is alive
White indicates your mother passed away

Yellow indicates you're a Bereaved Mother.

When God Made Moms

By Erma Bombeck

When the good Lord was creating mothers!!!!

He was into His sixth day of "overtime when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

AND THE LORD SAID....."Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic.

Have 180 moveable parts... all replaceable.

Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up, a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair, and six pairs of hands."

And the angel shook her head slowly and said,

"Six pairs of hands...no way."

"It is not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord, "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

THE LORD NODDED....One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks

"What are you kids doing in there?" when she already knows.

Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know;

and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say,

"I understand and I love you", without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord", said the angel touching his

sleeve gently, "go to bed, tomorrow...." "I can't", said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself.

Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger, and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly.

"It's too soft", she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise", said the Creator. Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

"There's a leak", she pronounced.

"I told you, you were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak", said the Lord. "It's a tear".

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You're a genius", said the angel.

THE LORD LOOKED SOMBER....

"BUT I DIDN'T PUT IT THERE".

SHAW UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL



◆ Baccalaureate Ceremony ◆

Friday, May 12, 2006
Thomas J. Boyd Chapel
6:00 p.m.

◆ Commencement Ceremony ◆

Saturday, May 13, 2006
J.S. Dorton Arena
(1026 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh)
11:00 a.m.

Braving the Storm – Not a Good Idea*

The other day as the sky was getting darker and darker, and the trees performed an unnatural bend from side to side, I decided to follow my cat's instincts and head for a lower room. However, all too often it is a temptation to think that some of the extra precautions are not really necessary, believing the storm will just pass over. Maybe my parents had the right idea when, as a child, during a "bad" storm they would have my siblings and I join them in an inner hallway until things got better. We were also "asked" to stay quiet. I am not sure how quiet helped but I am sure they could testify to it.

As we approach another summer, it is a good idea to remember that this is the season for what the National Weather Service calls the nation's deadliest weather phenomena—lightning (<http://lightningsafety.noaa.gov/>). In

addition to the lightning, other weather conditions associated with thunderstorms are strong winds, flash flooding, hail and tornadoes (<http://fema.gov/areyouready/thunderstorms.shtm>). Following are suggestions from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Severe Weather Safety Guide:

Tornado Safety

If a tornado was approaching, would you know what to do?

Tornadoes are the most violent atmospheric phenomenon on the planet. Winds of 200-300 mph can occur with the most violent tornadoes. The following are instructions on what to do when a tornado warning has been issued for your area or whenever a tornado threatens:

• IN HOMES OR SMALL BUILDINGS:

Go to the basement (if available) or to an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a closet or bathroom. Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect yourself from flying debris.

• IN SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, FACTORIES, OR SHOPPING CEN-

TERS:

Go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from glass enclosed places or areas with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses. Crouch down and cover your head as shown in the figure.

• IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS:

Go to interior small rooms or halls. Stay away from exterior walls or glassy areas.

• IN CARS OR MOBILE HOMES:

ABANDON THEM IMMEDIATELY!!

Most deaths occur in cars and mobile homes. If you are in either of those locations, leave them and go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter.

• IF NO SUITABLE STRUCTURE IS NEARBY:

Lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.



storm or you feel tingling or your hair standing on end?

Lightning causes around 100 deaths in the U.S. annually (more than hurricanes and tornadoes combined). ... [L]ightning can strike up to several miles away from the thunderstorm.

General lightning safety rules:

• WHEN INSIDE:

• Avoid using the telephone (except for emergencies) or other electrical appliances.

• Do not take a bath or shower.

IF CAUGHT

OUTDOORS:

• Go to a safe shelter immediately [such as inside a sturdy building]! A hard top automobile with the windows up can also offer fair protection.

• If you are boating or swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a safe shelter away from the water!

• If you are in a wooded area, seek shelter under a thick growth of relatively small trees.

• If you feel your hair standing on end, squat as shown in the diagram [above] with your head between your knees. **Do not lie flat!**

• **Avoid:** isolated trees or other tall objects, bodies of water, sheds, fences, convertible automobiles, tractors, and motorcycles.

Other Severe Weather Safety Links

FEMA: Informing The Public About Disasters - Many pages for safety precautions for earthquakes, heat waves, floods, hurricanes, landslides, tsunamis, volcanoes, wildland fires, winter storms and driving tips, thunderstorm and lightning.

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Flash Flood Safety

Do you know what to do if you see water crossing over a roadway?

Flash floods and floods are the #1 weather-related killer with around 140 deaths recorded in the U.S. each year.

Flash flood safety rules:

• WHEN INSIDE:

If ordered to evacuate or if rising water is threatening, leave immediately and get to higher ground!

• IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:

- Go to higher ground immediately!
- Avoid small rivers or streams, low spots, canyons, dry riverbeds, etc.
- Do not try to walk through flowing water more than ankle deep!
- Do not allow children to play around streams, drainage ditches or viaducts, storm drains, or other flooded areas!

• IF IN A VEHICLE:

DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH FLOODED AREAS! Even if it looks shallow enough to cross. The large majority of deaths due to flash flooding are due to people driving through flooded areas. Water only one foot deep can displace 1500 lbs! Two feet of water can EASILY carry most automobiles! Roadways concealed by floodwaters may not be intact...).

Lightning Safety

Do you know what to do if you are caught in the open during a thunder-

139th Mid-Year Session

May 8-10, 1006

Host Pastor: Rev. Darryl K. Ferguson
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Program Highlights and Directions

Monday, May 8, 2006

6:00 P.M.

Registration
Union Missionary Baptist Church
Wilmington, N C

7:00 P.M.

Welcome Program
Reverend D. K. Ferguson
Host Pastor

9:15 P.M.

Evangelism Late Night Service
Pastor Chester Hopkins,
First Baptist Church, Fairmont, NC

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

8:30 A. M.

Registration
Union Missionary Baptist Church
Wilmington, N C

10:00 A.M.

General Board Meeting
Macedonia Baptist Church
Wilmington, N C

Pastors' Luncheon with Rev. Dr.
William J. Barber II, President
NC NAACP State Conference of
Branches
Macedonia Baptist Church
Wilmington, NC

1:30 P.M.

Official Opening of the 2006 Mid-Year
Session
Union Missionary Baptist Church
Wilmington, NC

2:15 P.M.

Business Session

5:00 P.M.

President's Reception
(ALL PASTORS INVITED)

6:30 P.M.

Church Conflict Panel Discussion

2006 Mid-Year Sermon

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, President
NC NAACP State Conference of

Branches

9:15 P.M.

Evangelism Late Night Service
Dr. Lawrence M. Dowdy
Antioch Baptist Church
Proctorville, N C

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Union Missionary Baptist Church-
Wilmington, N C

8:30 P.M.

Registration

10:00 A.M.

President's Session

11:00 A.M.

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Continue to follow US-74 East

Turn right on Van Campen Blvd.

Arrive at 160 Van Campen Blvd.,
Wilmington

Distance 201.5 miles- Approximate
Driving time 4 hours 54 minutes

From Fayetteville & Surrounding

Areas:

Take NC 87-Bypass South

NC 87 South becomes NC 87 Bypass
South

NC 87 Bypass becomes NC-87 South

Bear left on US 74 East

Turn right on Van Campen Blvd.

Arrive at 160 Van Campen Blvd.,
Wilmington

Distance 94 miles-Approximately 2
hours 28 minutes

From Raleigh/Durham and
Surrounding Areas:

Take I-40 East

I-40 East becomes US 117 South

Turn Right onto Imperial Drive

Turn Right on Van Campen Blvd.

Arrive at 160 Van Campen Blvd.,
Wilmington

Distance 151 miles-Approximately 2
hours 53 minutes

From Elizabeth City and surrounding
Areas:

Take US-17 South

Continue on US-17 Bypass

Continue on US 17

Continue on US Highway 17 North

Continue to follow US-17 West

Turn Left on Water street

Continue to follow US 17 Bypass

Turn left on US 13 South

Take exit #496 toward

Greenville/Ahoskie

Turn left on US 13

US-13 becomes Main Street

Continue to follow US-13

Continue on South Memorial Drive
(NC 11)

Turn left on South Queen Street

Bear right to follow US-258 South

Turn right on NC 41

Turn left onto I-40 East

I-40 East becomes US 117 South

Turn Right on Imperial Drive

Turn Right on Van Campen Blvd.

Arrive 160 Van Campen Blvd.

Driving Directions from

**Union Missionary Baptist Church
2711 Princess Place Drive
Wilmington, North Carolina
(910) 763-3006**

From Charlotte & Surrounding Areas:

Take US-74 East



2006 Mid-Year Sermon
Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II,
President
NC NAACP State Conference of
Branches

US-74 Becomes East Independence
Blvd.

Continue to follow US-74 East

US-74 becomes 17th Street

Turn Right on Princess Place Drive
Arrive at 2711 Princess Place Drive,
Wilmington, on the left

Distance 199 miles-Approximately 4
hours 50 minutes

From Raleigh/Durham & Surrounding
Areas:

Take I-40 East

Continue on I-40 East

I-40 East becomes US-117 South

Take Exit #8/US-17/US-74 toward
Wilmington

Turn Left on Market Street

Bear right on Princess Place Drive

Arrive at 2711 Princess Place Drive,
Wilmington, on the right

From Elizabeth City & Surrounding
Areas:

Take US-17 South

Take Exit #514 toward Williamston/
Washington

Turn Right on US-17 South

Continue on US-17 Bypass South

Continue on US-17 South

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(US-70)

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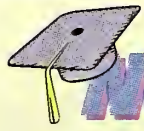
Take ramp toward Jacksonville

Turn left on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Blvd.

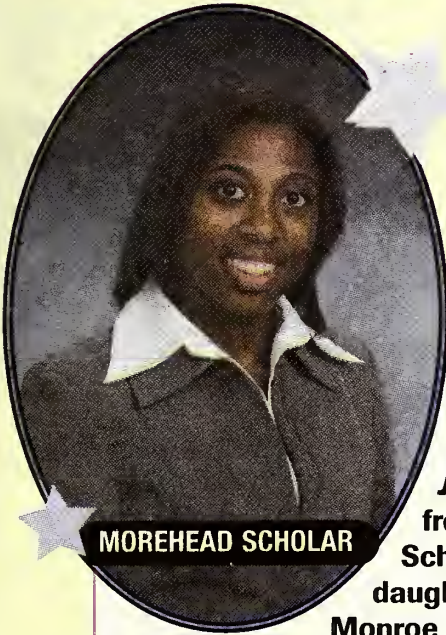
Continue to follow US-17 South

Bear right on Princess Place Drive

Arrive at 2711 Princess Place Drive,
Wilmington on the right



North Carolina outstanding high school seniors are named Morehead Scholars



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LENOIR COUNTY

Portia Janel Boone, from Kinston High School in Kinston is the daughter of Robert and Perchrista Boone of Kinston.



MOREHEAD SCHOLAR



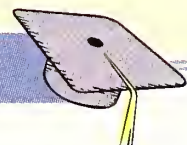
MOREHEAD SCHOLAR

ORANGE COUNTY

Ashley Chaunte Harrington, from East Chapel Hill High School in Chapel Hill, daughter of Paula Harrington of Chapel Hill.



Another great achiever!



Yolonda Tia Hodges

Yolonda Tia Hodges is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Hodges, of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. Yolonda is a senior at Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School, Raleigh, North Carolina, GPA 4.0. She plans to pursue a degree in Pre Med at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board

Of Pastors, Lilies and Benefits

Ms. Rose M. Harper

"Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Luke 12: 27)

The scriptures call us to live in faith, but the Lord acknowledges our worldly needs as well. We shall live by both bread and the word of God (Matt. 4: 4, Luke 4: 4). It is preoccupation or even obsession with money, not the money itself, that throws our lives out of balance.

This distinction gains particular importance when considering pay and benefits for pastoral staff. Too many parishioners justify low wages for their pastors and other church employees. Too many pastors fear the future for themselves and their families because they lack the disability and life insurance protections their parishioners take for granted on the job.

We are not called to live by faith alone. In one old story, a Christian fervently prays for help as flood waters approach his home. His basement fills, and he declines a neighbor's offer to drive him to safety. The waters rise, and from his second-story window he waves away the sheriff in a motorboat. Forced to the roof, he rejects rescue by military helicopter. As the swirling waters consume him, he wonders why the Lord never came—oblivious to the three good neighbors the Lord had sent his way.

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has partnered with The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) to offer essential income protection and retirement benefits. Through this partnership, the GBSC says to our affiliated pastors and other church employees:

"And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house" (Luke 10: 7).

Those who preach the Gospel

should get their living from those they serve. Yes, the Lord does provide—and the newly-available benefit programs are

one way that God does so. To learn more, see GBSC and MMBB Offer Essential Benefits. (Below)

GBSC and MMBB Offer Essential Benefits

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. (GBSC) and The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) partner to make the following essential benefits available to pastors and other employees of GBSC-related organizations:

- The Benefits for Life program builds retirement income while providing pre-retirement disability and life insurance protection
- The Tax-Deferred Annuity gives employers a way to make additional retirement contributions for their employees
- The Annuity Supplement cuts current taxes as employees save on a pre-tax basis
- Medical, dental and long-term care insurance are also available at group rates.

MMBB's has been ministering to churches and their employees since 1911. For more about the plans or MMBB's financial ministry, please call Mr. Dexter Perry, A&B Management Services, Inc. 1400 Crescent Green, Suite G-100, Gary, North Carolina, 27511 Phone 919.858.7817, or Ms. Rose Harper, MMBB, Phone 800.222.3872 ext. 2348.

Pastor Bobby D. House, Chairperson
Pastor Otis Byrd, Vice-Chairperson

GBSC Evangelism Ministry

"For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. 'I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts. 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the LORD of hosts."

Dr. Bobby House, Chairman of the Evangelism Ministry and Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina talked about a shaking! Greater Galilee Baptist Church and Host Pastor Dr. Robert E.L. McGowens hosted with most dignity and hospitality that one could offer. Speaking of a shaking, Charlotte will never be the same. The General Baptist State Convention Evangelism Ministry declared war on the enemy and many souls were saved and lives were changed. The conference started on Tuesday morning with a tremor as Pastor J.W. Brunson of Greater Fellowship Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina blessed us with a word from II Kings 4 "House of Hospitality." Then Bishop Kevin Long of Temple Church International in Charlotte, North

Carolina challenged our minds with "This Is That" from Acts 2. And just when we thought we were safe Dr. Charles B. Jackson from Brookland Baptist Church by way of West Columbia, South Carolina shook the house with "The Lame Man At The Gate", lesson text Acts 3:2. Each day Pastor Eva Ratliff of Guiding Light Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina dealt with the topic *Conflict Management* and Pastor Eric Miller of Trinity Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina dealt with the topic *Effective Evangelism*. Pastor M.L. Kaufman shared the topic *Business Ethics*.

Wednesday was no different from Tuesday. The shaking continued as Pastor Claude Forehand encouraged us to "Become A Miracle" taken from the gospel of John 6:1-11. Check the ceiling and see if it is still in tack because Dr. Claude Alexander, Pastor of University Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina helped to open spiritual eyes with "How To Overcome A Serious Problem" found in Mark 9:14-29. Then Dr. Charles Jackson committed an Ecclesiastical Felony when he killed demonic forces with "The Road To Jerusalem" found in Luke 18:31.

Thursday set the stage for commu-

nity Kingdom Building. Pastor William Clayton spiked our souls with "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" in Luke 19:1-10. As we evangelized the community with feeding over 100 persons without homes and jobs, Dr. A.T. Griffey, Pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Winston and Statistician for the General Baptist State Convention blessed the hearts with a word from on high "Come Thirsty" found in Isaiah 55:1-3. From that outreach 11 persons gave their lives to the Lord. From those, 8 persons were baptized, 9 persons received shelter and bus passes with gifts of love from the community and conference delegates. All persons were able to shop free of charge in the Greater Galilee Clothing Closet. The bible promises us blessings as we bless those who need a blessing. We Praise God for the gifts of kindness and we Praise God for more brothers and sisters in the Kingdom. Dr. Jackson asked us a question from Matthew 16:18 "Who Needs The Church?"

Friday, we rested only for a moment until over 1000 young people from all over the state and adjoining states gathered in the name of the Lord for **Jam 4 Da Lamb**. The Minister Jamaine Smith, GBSC Youth Evangelism Chairperson and the Youth Evangelism Ministry rocked the house with praise steppers

and praise dancers. God was glorified. Awesome choirs lifted voices to praise God through song. Then Youth Pastor Minister Justice Anthony from Mt. Herman Baptist Temple of Port Smith, Virginia left us in a tizzy as he challenged the young people to **not** shake it for the "Ying Yang Twins" but "Shake It Like A Salt Shaker" for God. Lesson text found in Matthew 5:13.

The conference was no ordinary conference. God really changed the lives of many. The GBSC Evangelism Ministry wish to thank all those who helped make this a worship experience like no other. Special thanks to Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Haywood T. Gray, Finance Officer Minister Selma Hunter and other GBSC Staff members who helped to make the conference a success.

Eyes have not seen, nor ears heard what it shall be like next year. The 2007 plans have begun already. We look forward to seeing you all in Wilmington during the Mid-year session. Late night preachers are **May 8th Pastor Chester Hopkins**, First Baptist Church in Fairmont, NC and **May 9th Dr. Lawrence M. Dowdy** Antioch Baptist Church in Proctorville, NC. See you all there.

Reverend Anthonette Wright
Recording Secretary
GBSC Evangelism Ministry

The Language of Clarity in Preaching



By Al Fullwood
-Adjunct Instructor of Worship and Homiletics,
Religion and Philosophy Department

*Shaw University and Divinity School
-Homiletics and Hermeneutics
Instructor;*

*Apex School of Theology-Pastor:
- Riley Hill Baptist Church, Wendell,
NC.*

One of the common homiletical shortcomings of preachers is their great desire to be heard but have little commitment to ensure clarity in what the hearer hears. The surest weapon the preacher has in his preaching arsenal is his tongue; most vulnerable about this weapon is its potential to not be clear. Ear and tongue are both theological on the premise of the Roman text that says "... and how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach except they are sent?" (10: 14-15) The sermon is not a literary art say Fred Craddock but an oral art, not a written but oral document. Issue must be taken

with those who state that they rather "see a sermon than hear one." To make such a claim one is not in union with Scripture. Sermons are designed to be heard not seen, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the preach word. If the preacher is not clear the people is not hard hearing the sermon is. Clarity is not just a communication or human quality but a theological mandate.

Clarity is not incidental but an intentional feature that happens as an incorporating element in the design of the sermon. In other words, just as the preacher wrestles with the text in his/her exegetical treatment in an effort to locate meaning, steps should be taken ensuring clarity in the actual event of delivery. Gone is the hour when the

preacher believes that clarity is automatic upon opening his/her mouth. Clarity is not a matter assumed but a quality achieved. Preachers who are serious about homiletic integrity can not avoid the idea of becoming a language theorist—the study of language. Not in the sense of a professional theorist but he/she gives careful consideration to word choice and use. How can the preacher know when he/she has achieved clarity in preaching? The element of style in preaching will ensure clarity in ways that enables the preached word to be heard. In the next article the various elements of style will be discussed. For questions or comments: **RHBC@ BellSouth.Net** or **Afullwoo@Bellsouth.Net**

National Conventions Meetings

**American Baptist Churches of the South
36th Annual Session
May 1-5, 2006 ~ Orlando, FL**

The 92nd Annual Hampton University Ministers' Conference June 4 - June 9, 2006

This year's keynote conference preacher will be **Bishop Kenneth Ulmer**, senior pastor of Faith Community Church, Inglewood, CA. Other nationally acclaimed speakers for the conference include: **Bishop Ernestine Reems Dickerson**, pastor and founder of Center for Hope Community Church in Oakland, CA.; **Dr. William Epps**, senior pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles, CA, and editor of the National Baptist Voice; **Pastor Rita Twiggs**, of the Potter's House, Dallas, TX; and **Bishop Violet Fisher**, pioneering female bishop in the United Methodist Church. Additional exciting presenters this year include: Rev. Mack King Carter, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Rev. Jasmine "Jazz" Sculark, of York, PA; Dr. Kevin Cosby of Louisville, KY; and Dr. Dennis Proctor of Baltimore, MD. Another notable feature of the Conference will be the Father-Son team of Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., and his son, Rev. Otis Moss, III, addressing the question, "Can the Moses and Joshua Generations Meet?" The on-site registration fee is \$175. For information regarding registration, call (757) 727-5367 or (757) 727-5681.

**National Baptist Congress of Christian Education
101st Annual Session
June 19-23, 2006
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ANNUAL SESSION

October 30 – November 1, 2006

M. C Benton Convention Center
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Phone: (919) 821-7466

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- (3) Each Exhibitor shall be Responsible for Displaying and Protecting their Booth.
- (4) Exhibit Setup Begins on: Monday October 30 – Starting at 7:00 AM
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• All checks/money orders should be made

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• The General Baptist State Convention

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• If, after pre-registering, any vendor is unable to attend an event, he/she must give the General Baptist State Convention at least 48 hours notice in order to receive a full refund. Please call (919) 821-7466 if you have any questions.

The State Police - NOT A JOKE

Submitted by
TWhite1596@yahoo.com

NEW WAY TO DO CAR JACKINGS (NOT A JOKE)

Heads up everyone! Please keep this circulating...

You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and shift into reverse, and when you look into the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into park, unlock your doors and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view.

When you reach the back of your car, that is when the car jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car. And guess what, ladies? I bet your purse is

still in the car, and if they see your home address and have your keys, your home is now compromised!

BEWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME THAT IS NOW BEING USED.

If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away, remove the paper later and be thankful that you read this e-mail. I hope you will forward this to friends and family, especially to women. A purse contains all kinds of personal information and identification documents, and you certainly do NOT want this to fall into the wrong hands. Please keep this going.

Thank you.
Lieutenant Tony Bartolome
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Little Foxes

(Little Compromises That Cause Big Problems)

Song of Solomon 2:15 says, "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." Foxes sometime in search of food would enter into the grape orchards and devour the grapes and spoil the crop. However, the little foxes were too small to reach the grape bunches so they would chew on the vines and it would kill the whole vine. Instead of the farmer just losing his crop, he would lose his vine which was more disastrous. Spiritually some things we do or allow that we might think are little or insignificant can also be disastrous for us.

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If you feel God is leading you to this call, please submit a resume with cover letter and a copy of your Ministerial License to the following address:

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Happy Mother's Day! 

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From the desk of the Second Vice-President

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, D. Min.,
2nd Vice President

"To all [the General Baptist family] who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:7-8, NIV).

The story is told about a man who was walking down the street and pulling a chain behind him. Several individuals asked him why he was pulling the chain. He replied which an interesting question of his own: "Did you ever try to push

one?" The idea of *pushers* and *pullers* has existed through the ages.

In Jesus' day, the Caesars, the centurions, and the religious leaders symbolized *pushers* who sought to destroy Jesus and push people against their will. When *pushers* spoke, people were expected to jump in submissive and oppressive obedience.

Jesus provided an insightful directive to the twelve original disciples in Matthew 20:25-26 (NIV): "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant."

Walter Rauschenbusch (*The Social Principles of Jesus*) suggests that Jesus chose the kind of people he did to follow Him because Jesus wanted to influence the world with a new kind of leadership --- one that would serve and not exploit. Jesus sought people who would not be spoiled by success and poisoned by the

possession of power. The search continues today!

According to Clarence Cranford (*Taught by the Master*), Jesus' idea of leadership clashed with the popular thought of that day. Many thought of leadership as climbing on top of people to gain position and power. Jesus' idea of leadership emphasized getting underneath people and their problems, and trying to lift them to a new life, a new hope, a new purpose, and a new fulfillment.

Jesus is our exemplary model: "...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28, NIV). Therefore, we must be servants of Christ in our homes, churches, to our communities, and the world. We have been saved in order to serve. We must serve with compassion, not confusion. We are equipped, enabled, empowered, and endowed by the Holy Spirit to be:

- Pullers, not pushers,
- Lifters, not oppressors,

- Persuaders, not dictators,
- Missionaries, not "messy-naries!"

One way we can live out our call to be *pullers* and not *pushers* is through our ongoing support of our General Baptist State Convention objectives, specifically the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. Numerous initiatives are provided through this arm of the foreign mission field. These initiatives provide opportunities for all of us to invest in Lott Carey's objective of "building a better world through Christian missions."

contact:
704-637-0954, ext. 101 (o); 704-637-1137 (fax) averyrevkin@aol.com or mt218@bellsouth.net (e-mail)



Dr. Nilous Avery, II

(CHAIRMAN, from page 1)

not Baptist. The Convention needs to publish guidelines for calling and terminating pastors (See response below under "Gold Hill").



From Gold Hill are Moderator Michael Moore (8th from left) and other officials;

From Gold Hill Association

Churches need to be trained on how to seek and call a Baptist pastor. Young pastors are coming to Baptist churches and leading those churches away from the Baptist faith.

Will someone from the Convention come to local associations to do seminars on Baptist doctrines, calling pastors, etc.?

Is there a directory of Convention personnel/field workers assigned to various districts across the state that we can contact for information?

What is the 750 campaign?

How does the Convention handle inactive churches?

Grant: The Convention has no offi-

cial policy for handling inactive churches. Campaign 750 is a plan to strengthen state missions—call headquarters for brochures and enrollment forms. There is no current directory of

Convention personnel/field workers assigned to various districts. However, requests for workshops and/or seminars should be submitted in writing to Executive Secretary Treasurer Gray at Baptist Headquarters.

The concern about young pastors leading Baptist churches away from the Baptist faith has already been noted in previous published Listening Session articles.

From Western Union Association

How are state mission dollars disbursed?

What is the difference between the Unified Program and the 750 Campaign?

Grant: State Missions are the dollars that provide for the operations and the programming of our Convention. A brochure is available from headquarters that gives a detailed description of how

State Mission dollars are allocated. The 750 campaign is a campaign to strengthen state missions—contact headquarters for the campaign brochure.

Unified Program dollars are allocated according to the following formula: 30% for State Missions, 44% for Christian education (Shaw University & Shaw Divinity School), 6% for Central Orphanage, and 20% for foreign missions.



From Western Union are Moderator Marvin Clowney (5th from left) and other pastors.

Anyone desiring more detailed information on issues raised herein may contact either Executive Secretary-Treasurer Haywood Gray or Chairman Grant.

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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

A Christian Father's Role

By Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
President, WBH & FMC



Bronnie
Daniels

Last month embraced Mother's Day and this month Father's Day. This article includes the same elements as listed last month because there are some mutual virtues for parents in a described home by God. Yes, it is this season that we appreciate, emphasize, and acknowledge God's gift of fatherhood. How blessed are we to have or have had fathers, Christian fathers who realize/realized that they are/were called by God, the Lord Jesus Christ to share with Him in creation and recreation, along with the mother, in the home. Such fathers realize/realized that they are to:

Worship? "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee" – Psalm 67:3;

Evangelism/Witness? "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband, else were your children unclean; but now are they holy" – 1 Corinthians. 7:14;

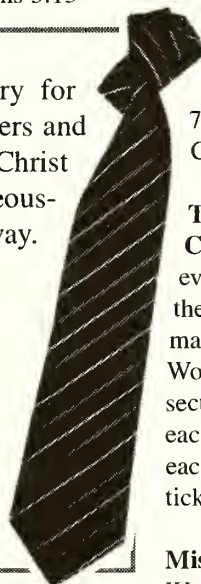
Fellowship? "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" – 1 John 1:7;

Nurture? "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother" – Proverbs 1:8;

Minister? "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not likely for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another;" – Galatians 5:13

To God be the glory for fathers, Christian fathers and may He give them in Christ His strength and righteousness to carry on His way.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**



Reminders

The Woman's Convention seeks to teach and live in unity and prayers, a charge that God has given. Following are reminders for sharing Jesus Christ's love with others. **Pre-Convention and the 122nd Annual Session will convene Sunday, July 23rd through Thursday, July 27th, 2006 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.**

Missions Prayer Day is June 24th, 2006. Please send to the office for the free material for the missionary county unions, and churches not associated with a union.

Housing Reservation Forms are now available for the 122nd Annual Session in Winston-Salem. Please complete the form and send it directly to the given address on the form. The Annual Session Assembly will meet July 23-27, 2006 at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

A Communion Service on Sunday evening, July 23rd, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The Johnnie Blunt McLester Pre-Convention Banquet on Monday evening, July 24th 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. You may secure tickets from the office of the Woman's Convention now. Tickets secured through the Office are \$40.00 each. Tickets secured on site are \$41.00 each. Please send to the Office now for tickets.

Missions Study Classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (July 25th – 27th, 2006). Pre-registration information is available for class registration. There will be classes for Pastors and Senior, Young Adult and Youth missionaries. The class for Pastors will be taught by a Pastor.

Youth Projects on Tuesday, July 25th, 2006.

The Young Adult Missions Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, July 25th, 2006 at 6:45 a.m. The advance donation is \$16.00; at the door, \$17.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets now.

The Ministers' Wives and Widows Fellowship Luncheon on Tuesday, July 25th at 12:30 p.m. The advance donation is \$15.00; at the door, \$16.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets now.

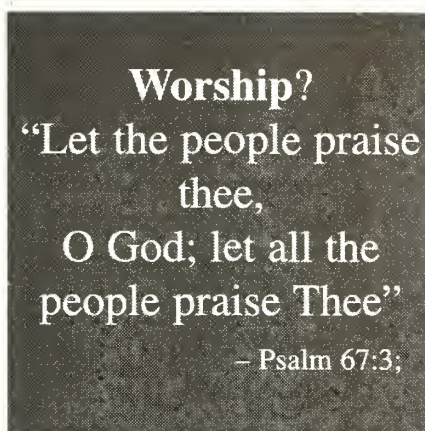
The Youth Prayer "Pizza Party" during the conventional week (time and place to be announced.) The advance donation is \$9.00; at the door, \$10.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets.

Annual Address of President Daniels, along with report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer Brodie, on Wednesday morning (July 26th).

Joint Early Morning Prayer Hour for Seniors, Young Adults and Youth from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., Tuesday, July

25th through Thursday, July 27th.

Executive Committee may meet on Monday, July 24th at 9:00 A.M. The Executive Board will meet on



Monday, July 24th at 10:00 A.M. **The General Board** will meet on Monday, July 24th at 1:45 P.M.

* 13. When books are mailed there will need to be an additional cost for postage the invoice will reflect the book cost and the additional cost of postage.

14. **District Conference color code for July (Annual Session) will change:**

2006 • Blue (Everyone)
2007 • Green (Everyone)
2008 • Yellow (Everyone)
2009 • Red (Everyone)

15. The 2005-2006 **Budget** is in the amount \$819,055.00, which will be distributed among the objectives: State Missions - \$578,154.00.

Foreign Missions \$80,901.00, Shaw University - \$49,500.00, Shaw Divinity School - \$33,500.00, Central Children Home - \$36,500.00 and Baptist Assembly - \$40,500.00. Check and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. PLEASE send generous funds now in particular for State Missions. **More than one half of funds sent, if designated should be designated for State Mission**, because of the ministries, staff, and operations cost. THANKS TO GOD AND TO YOU in advance for responding to this our great need in order to implement His mission effectively.



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REGISTRATION FORM

2006 J. F. WERTZ ORATORICAL CONTEST

JUNE 26-28, 2006 NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, DURHAM, NC

Section 1: Information About Your Church and Youth Chaperones

a. Church Name _____

b. Pastor's Name _____

c. Church Address _____

d. Contact Person _____

e. Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

f. Youth Chaperone(s) _____

Section 2: Information About Your Association

a. Association _____

b. Moderator's Name _____

c. Congress President _____

Section 3: Information About Your Oratorical Contestant

a. Contestant's Name _____

b. Address _____

c. Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

d. Division _____ Grade (as of July 1) _____

e. Topic _____

Section 4: Contestant's Fees

a. NO Registration Fee for Contestants	0.00
b. Double Room Fee (\$32.80 for 2 Nights)	_____
c. Single Room Fee (\$52.00 for 2 Nights)	_____
d. Meal Plan (\$42.75 for 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners)	_____
e. Parking Permit (\$7.50 per vehicle for 3 Days)	_____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2006 J. F. WERTZ ORATORICAL CONTEST

Deadline: June 16, 2006

Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education Coordinator



Portia
Brandon

- Completed forms should be received at the Baptist Headquarters not later than June 16. Registration forms may be mailed (a pre-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience) or hand delivered to 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC.
- Please complete a form for each contestant that will participate in the contest. If, for example, your Association will send three (3) contestants, you will need to submit three (3) forms. You may make photocopies of the form as needed.
- All of the information and fees on the front of the form related to CONTESTANTS. All of the information on the back of the form relates to NON-CONTESTANTS. Non-contestants include chaperones, youth attending but not making speeches, parents and other family members, and other supporters from your Church and Association.
- On-campus housing will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis. Please submit your registration forms as soon as possible if your delegation will require on-campus housing.
- In Section 1, please give name of your contestant's Church (line a), your contestant's Pastor (line b), and your contestant's Church's mailing address (line c). Please use the mailing address where your contestant's Church normally receives mail. Do not use the address of an individual unless this is the address where your contestant's Church normally receives mail.
- In Section 1, please give the name of a contact person whom we may contact if we have questions about your registration (line d). Please also give a daytime phone number (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and an evening phone number (after 5:00 p.m.) for your contact person. If you contact person has a cellular phone, please give that number (line e). The contact person should be the person who completed the registration form or who is familiar with the completed registration form.
- In Section 1, please give the name of ALL adult chaperones that will accompany, supervise, and stay with your youth during the Contest (line f).
- In Section 2, please give the name of your contestant's Association (line a), your contestant's Moderator's Name (line b), and your contestant's Association's Congress of Christian President or Director (line c).
- In Section 3, please give information about your Oratorical Contestant. Please remember that you need to complete a form for EACH contestant in the Oratorical Contest. Please give the Contestant's Name (line a), the Contestant's home mailing address (line b), a daytime phone number (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and an evening phone number (after 5:00 p.m.). If your contestant has a cellular phone, please give that number (line c).
- In Section 3, please give the Division that your contestant is entering: Preparatory, Junior or Senior Division (line d). For the Preparatory Division, your contestant needs to be in grades 6, 7, or 8 as of July 1, 2006. For the Junior Division, your contestant needs to be in grades 9, 10, or 11 as of July 1, 2006. For the Senior Division, your contestant needs to be a rising high school senior as of July 1, 2006. In Section 3, give the grade your contest will be in as of July 1, 2006 (line d).
- In Section 3, please give the topic that your contestant will use in the contest.
- In Section 4, please calculate fees for your contestant. Please note that contestants do not pay a registration fee. If your contestant will share a DOUBLE ROOM, the fee is \$32.80 for 2 nights. If your contestant desires a SINGLE ROOM, the fee is \$52.00 for 2 nights. If lines b and c are left blank, we will assume that your contestant does not desire on-campus housing.
- In Section 4, please indicate if your contestant wishes a meal plan. The meal plan includes two breakfasts, three lunches, and two dinners. The cost is \$42.75. It is not possible to purchase individual meals. If you leave line d blank, we will assume that your contestant will arrange to eat meals off-campus.
- The University requires all vehicles to display an official N. C. Central University parking permit while on the campus. If your contestant will travel in a vehicle with others from your Church, only one permit will be required for your group. You will need a parking permit for each vehicle that will come from your Church. The parking permits will be good for three days. If persons from your Church will be attending for less than three days, daily parking permits must be purchased from Campus Security.
- Section 5 is to be filled out for all persons from your Church who will attend, but WHO WILL NOT PARTICIPATE AS CONTESTANTS. For each line in Section 5, be sure to indicate the number of persons for each category that you are registering. A block appears on the form at each line to indicate the number of persons you are registering.
- All adults will register with \$10.00 each (line a). All youth (who will not participate as contestants) will register with \$5.00 each (line b). If non-contestants in your delegation wish to purchase meal plans, indicate the total number of meal plans to be purchased (line c). If non-contestants in your delegation wish on-campus housing, please indicate the number of SINGLE or DOUBLE ROOMS needed. Please remember that the fee for DOUBLE ROOMS is per person in the room. For example, each person in a double room would need to pay \$32.80 for two nights. A person in a single room would pay \$52.00 for two nights.
- Please note that parking permits are per vehicle (not per person). You will need one permit for each vehicle in your delegation.
- The GRAND TOTAL should include all fees on the front AND the back of the form. Please include a check for the grand total you indicate on the form. The form will be checked and you will be contacted if there is any discrepancy. Any additional fees will need to be paid on-site before your contestants will be allowed into the competition. If you need assistance in calculating fees due, please contact the Baptist Headquarters (919-821-7466), Ms. Alberta H. Moore (910-424-8430), or Ms. Lula Gainey (910-485-6752).
- On the back of the form, you are asked to list the names of all ADULTS that are being registered with your delegation. Adult registration is \$10.00 per person. Their names are required so that packets will be ready for them upon arrival on the campus. If you choose to do so, adults may register on-site.
- On the back of the form, you are asked to list the names of all YOUTH that are being registered with your delegation. (Remember that contestants are not required to pay a registration fee.) Youth registration is \$5.00 per youth. Their names are required so that packets will be ready for them upon arrival on the campus. If you choose to do so, youth may register on-site.
- On the back of the form, you are asked to list the names of all PERSONS that are paying for meal plans. This is important so that meal cards (to be used in the N. C. Central University Cafeteria) can be prepared and ready for them upon arrival.
- On the back of the form, you are asked to list the names of persons desiring on-campus housing. Please indicate by each name whether a SINGLE ROOM or a DOUBLE ROOM is being paid for.

National Baptist Laymen's Workshop Comes to Raleigh

**Key Figures In Walter Cade, Jr. National Workshop
Workshop will convene in Raleigh, N C on Sept. 15, 2006.**



Seated center: Dr. Dumas A. Harshaw, Jr, the Pastor of first Baptist, the host church for the Walter Cade, Jr. National Laymen Workshop. Standing left to right: Brother Theodore David, General Chairman of the Host Committee; Brother John Gladden, President of the State Laymen League; and Bennett C. David, the Youth President of the State Baptist recently to pose for this photo. (See story)

The Tenth Annual National Baptist Laymen's Walter Cade, Jr. Southern Regional Workshop will convene in Raleigh, NC on Friday, September 15, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. The Workshop will adjourn after the breakfast fellowship and workshop hour on Saturday, September 17.

The affair which is expected to attract hundreds of Blacks Baptist Laymen from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, promises to be one of the largest gathering of laymen, for a religious-oriented program of this type, on the state's history. During its three-day stay in Raleigh, the assembly will feature numerous workshops, sermons, speeches, choirs, skits, outreach, and evangelical activities.

The First Baptist Church, located at 101 South Wilmington Street, will be the host church; and the Clarion Hotel State Capital located at 320 Hillsborough Street, will be the host hotel. The hotel is located just a few blocks from the church.

Brother Theodore David, the chairman of the Host State Committee has announced that the various committee heads have been named and assigned

specific planning responsibilities. Although the Regional Workshop will not convene until September 15th date, Brother David stated that the committees are already hard at work, Deacon John Gladden, the state host president,

outgrowth of the National Laymen's movement which started gaining acceptance and momentum approximately ten years ago. Among its many goals is the spiritual empowerment of laymen with an emphasis on leadership

said that he is confident that the laymen of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will raise that bar of the Southern Regional Workshop to a new level of attendance and participation. Deacon Gladden is counting on Baptist laymen from the mountain to the sea to be well represented in Raleigh. Dr. Dumas A. Harshaw, the pastor of the host church, said that First Baptist counts it a honor to host such an important historic event.

The Walter Cade, Jr. Southern Regional Workshop is an

and service, fellowshiping and witnessing.

Local laymen chapters, associations, and the State Laymen Auxiliary are actively involved in promoting the Regional Workshop. To keep the expense of attending the workshop low and attractive, Brother David is placing a great emphasis upon raising funds by acquiring donations and contributions from various companies, associations, churches, local laymen chapters, and individuals. Based upon minimum fund raising projections, the total expense for attending this 3-day affair will only be one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00). This will cover 2 nights of hotel accommodations (Friday and Saturday), the Friday evening meal, the Saturday breakfast, lunch, and evening banquet, the Sunday breakfast, and all other scheduled events.

The total expense for those not needing the hotel accommodations will be only sixty-five dollars (\$65.00). Brother John Gladden agrees with the General Host Chairman and is convinced that such low budget expenses will boost attendance and help to make the workshop one of the largest and most successful Laymen Convention ever.

All individuals, chapters, associations and other auxiliary groups are asked to send their registration, ads, patronage, and donations to: Office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, The General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.

David Inducted into Laymen Hall of Fame

Brother Theodore David, the Second Vice-President of the State Laymen League of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was inducted into the Laymen Hall of Fame during that group's Mid-Annual Banquet on April 7, 2006, at Saint Stephen Baptist Church in Winston Salem, NC.

Brother Jarvis P Morgan, the immediate past President of the State Laymen organization, presented Brother David and cited the reasons for his induction as indicated on the Hall of Fame plaque.

Present to see Brother David honored was his proud mother, Mrs. Liza David, of Hamlet, NC; and his son

Bennett C. David, the Youth State Laymen League President. Other convention and State Laymen league officers present for the induction ceremony were Dr. Charles Bullock, President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Rev. Haywood Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, General Baptist State Convention Brother John Gladden, President of the State Laymen League; Brother Richmond Turner, State Laymen League Field Representative and the auxiliary's Fourth Vice-President; and Brother Gregory Gabriel, the Third Vice-President who was honored as Layman of the Year during the banquet festivities.

Brother David, a native of Hamlet, NC, holds an undergraduate degree in Accounting and Business Management from Shaw University and a MBA from Campbell University. He is the Senior Project Analyst at Progress Energy where he has been employed for 30 years.

Brother David is an active member of Watts Chapel Baptist Church where he serves on the Board of Trustees and plays for the Male Chorus.

He is General Chairman of the State Laymen's Host Committee for the Walter Cade, Jr. National Workshop that will convene in Raleigh, NC on Friday, September 15 through Sunday, September 17, 2006.

Brother Gregory Gabriel honored as Layman of the Year

Brother Gregory Gabriel, third from left, was honored as Layman of the Year during the Laymen Mid-Annual Banquet on Friday, April 7, 2006, at St Stephen Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC. Joining the honoree for this photo session are from left to right: Dr. Charles Bullock, President of the General Baptist State Convention; Brother John Gladden, President of the State Laymen League Auxiliary; (the Honoree); and Brother Jarvis P. Morgan, immediate past President of the State Laymen League.

Laymen statewide felt that Brother Gabriel has performed in an exemplary manner as Third Vice-President and as the layman officer who has hosted the Christian Education program form the past four years. Brother Gabriel is one of the youngest Vice-Presidents ever to serve in this capacity.



Promises Made + Promises Kept = Accountability

The Reverend Dr. gloria gerald Announces her Candidacy for the Office of Fourth Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.



Blessed be, my General Baptist State Convention family members.

I want to be GBSC's next Fourth Vice President, and I am asking for your vote.

I have kept all of the promises I made in 2002 when I stood before you in Fayetteville, shared that I wanted to be your next Recording Secretary and then asked for your vote. Some promises were a "first" in GBSC's history. This is why I am asking you to make me your next Fourth Vice President. It is also why I can run, with integrity, under the slogan **Promises Made + Promises Kept = Accountability.**

As your 4th Vice President, I will be the Convention's facilitator for Central Children's Home (CCH)—one of GBSC's four objectives—and for carrying out other duties as requested by the President and Convention proper.

I believe all children and youth need love, nurturing, spiritual guidance and stability that will enable them to believe in themselves, and gain the skills and attitudes necessary to become productive, caring Christian adults. As such, I am cognizant of the need for providing an environment of academic, social and spiritual enrichment for each of CCH's children and youth. That is why I promise to:

- Represent you well as I press to "walk worthy" of the office;
- Develop a Commission on CCH, per Article IV. Section 6 & Article V. Section 6.6 of our constitution, and in consultation with the President and General Board;
- Hold quarterly Commission meetings;
- Hold yearly workshops at CCH designed to equip Commission members in their role as CCH ambassadors;
- Choose a specific CCH issue/concern to work through each year—in consultation with CCH director;
- Conduct ongoing evaluations of Commission work to ensure goals and objectives are realized;
- Develop an "Association of Angels" consisting of churches, via Associations, who will mentor at least one child throughout her/his stay at CCH;
- Encourage church financial support and presence during CCH gatherings;
- Publish bi monthly CCH "progress" reports in our official organ, *The Informer*;
- Maintain CCH exhibit during Convention sessions;
- Maintain regular and prompt attendance at GBSC sessions & meetings;
- Maintain promptness in carrying out responsibilities during GBSC sessions & meetings; and
- Carry out other duties as requested by the President and Convention proper.

Many of these promises are a "first" in the history of GBSC.

My GBSC service includes: GBSC Recording Secretary, General Board Recording Secretary; Evangelism Committee, Program Committee, and Instructor.

I am also the pastor of the evolving Grace Baptist Church Family; developer of Winston-Salem's Promise to Children and Youth; developer of In-Between—a before, after and summer school children and youth character and skills development ministry; among other religious and secular involvements.

I hold a Doctor of Ministry Degree (D. Min.), Master of Divinity (M. Div.) from Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA; Pastoral Care Residency certification, Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education at Baptist Hospital Medical Center in Winston-Salem; and a B.A. from the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Purchase, New York—additional graduate study in Christian Education at Yale Divinity School in New Haven Connecticut, and Counseling and Student Personnel at SUNY, College at Brockport, NY.

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Reverend Dr. Johnny R. Freeman
ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR
The office
PRESIDENT
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General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Incorporated



Greetings To my General Baptist Family

This is official notification of my candidacy for the office of President for the General Baptist State Convention, Congress of Christian Education.

I will bring to the office of President the experienced leadership needed to develop the Congress to model that of our National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. As pastor I have developed a partnership with our National Baptist Dean, Dr. George W. Waddles, to bring his staff to my church so that our Sunday School staff will be certified to teach at the National level. One of my goals as Congress President will be to work with our National Dean to certify all our State Congress Instructors and thereby enhance our Baptist work for General Baptist throughout North Carolina. As a Moderator for the Rowan Baptist Association I have the respect and support of our Association Congress as well and will bring to the State Congress the ability to work well with both laymen and my fellow pastors. One of the reasons for the lack of

support in promoting the Congress objectives in the past has been the lack of support from churches. My relationship with pastors across the State will enable me to increase support and participation from our churches by building upon the relationship I have with our pastors.

In conclusion I offer my prayers, wholehearted support and commitment to this important work that we share for General Baptist across this great State of North Carolina. I look forward to seeing you in Goldsboro on July 17-21, 2006.

VALERIE D. SINGLETON

A Candidate for 4th Vice President Of The Ushers Convention

Auxiliary to The General Baptist State Convention Of North Carolina, Inc.

I am prayerfully asking for your support and vote as I seek the office of 4th Vice President of the North Carolina State Usher's Convention, Auxiliary to The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

In May 1964 I became a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. I have been an active member of the Usher's Ministry for over 35 years under the pastorates of Rev. Coleman W. Kerry and Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. I am a Christian with leadership experience, skills and knowledge of ushering in different environments that I would like to contribute to our State Ushers. Listed below is a summary of my skills and experience:

FOR THE STATE

Program committee member 2002-
Corresponding Secretary 2004-

FOR DISTRICT III USHERS

1st Vice President 2005-

2nd Vice President 2004

3rd Vice President 2003

Program Chairperson 2001-

MECKLENBURG GENERAL BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION USHERS

Training Team 2005-

**FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CHARLOTTE**

Pastoral Usher 2001-

Co-chairperson of Ushers for Lott Carey
Convention 2005

Co-chairperson of Ushers for National
Baptist Congress of Christian Education 2001
President of Ushers Ministry 1999-2002

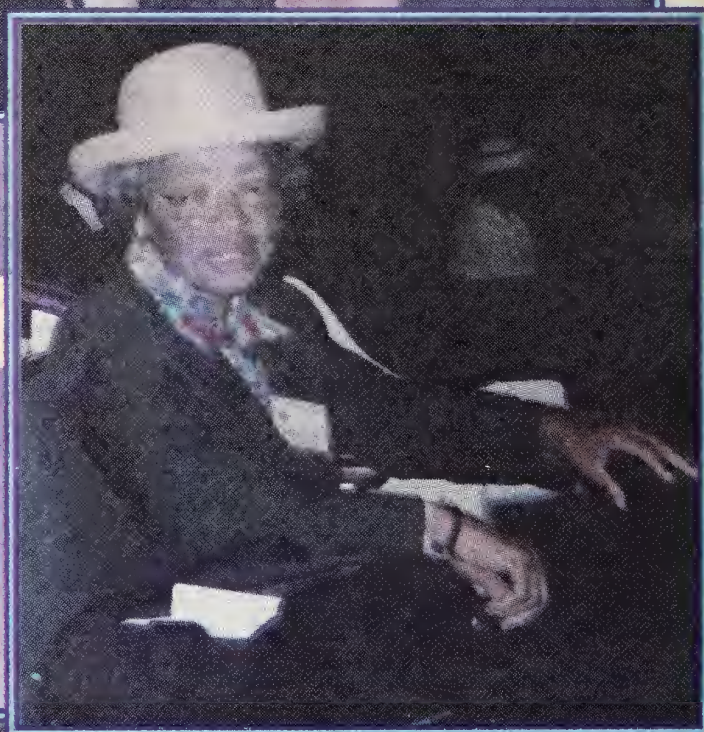
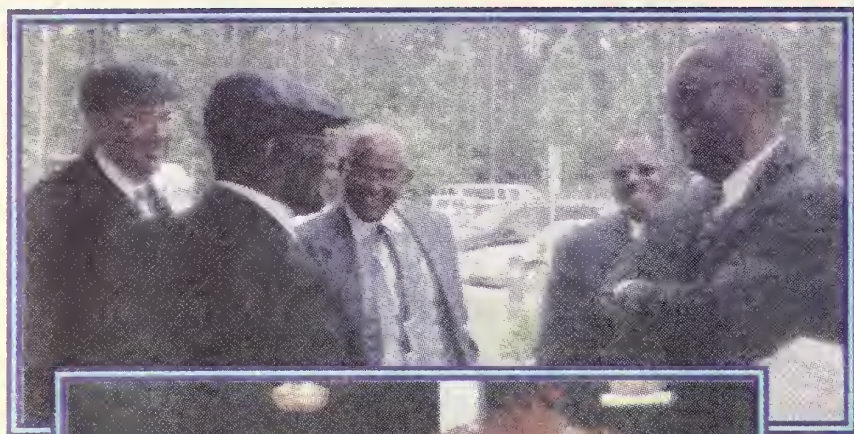
I have also served as Young Adult Usher
President, Youth Usher Supervisor for over 8
years and co chairperson of the ushers for Lott
Carey Convention held in Charlotte in the

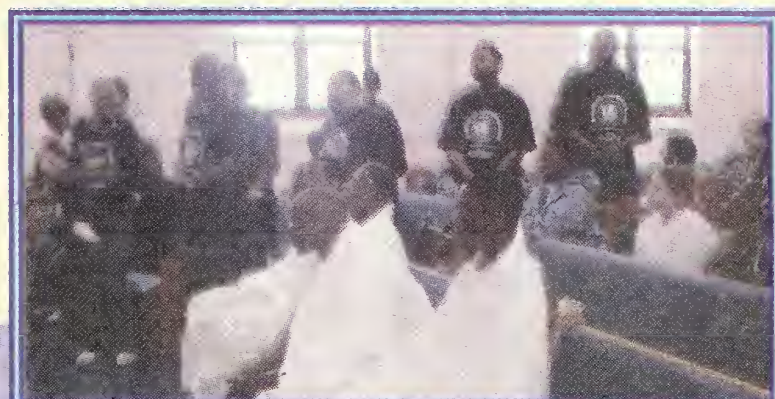
1990s. I have served as co-chairperson of Women's Day at Friendship, Cadet Girl Scout Leader, Sunday School Financial Secretary, President of Baptist Young Women and Sheepfold of Vashti Missionary groups. I have been an active member and held several positions in the Order of Eastern Star, Price Hall Affiliate since 2000.

Sister Singleton is a Christian servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. She is a loyal and faithful member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C. She exemplifies the essence of servanthood and would be a tremendous asset to the Ushers' Ministry of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

*Sincerely,
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The Language of Clarity in Preaching



By Al Fullwood
-Adjunct Instructor of Worship and Homiletics,
Religion and Philosophy Department
Shaw University and Divinity School
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Instructor,
Apex School of Theology-Pastor:
- Riley Hill Baptist Church, Wendell,
NC.

Continuing our discussion about the language of clarity, there are various elements of style that will ensure clarity in preaching. Aristotle offers three levels of style: First, the plain or low style for communicating factual information. Second, the middle style intends to impress or persuade. Third, the high style moves beyond impression, decorates with ornamentation and color [On Christian Doctrine, p.117-168]. William H. Kooienga discusses these three levels in terms of teaching style, persuasive style and moving style [Elements of Style, p. 51]. Style is a kind of language which couches his/her preaching. Every preacher has stylistic features as a vehicle of expression. The question goes to effectiveness of these features. Wayne McDill in his work, *The Moment of Truth* sees style as "your characteristic manner of expressing yourself" [p.113-129]. Style, then, becomes an important matter to which the preacher gives strong regard. But it should never be use as a vehicle to serve

Wayne McDill in his work, *The Moment of Truth* sees style as "your characteristic manner of expressing yourself" [p.113-129].

the human interest of the preacher, rather God. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones sees value in the use of it,

but danger in the use of it. He cautions that style must not become the end but

the means to an end.

The preacher must not have interest in eloquence for its own sake, assigning importance in the way a thing is said than in the truth of the thing said [239-243].

A focus on eloquence for the sake of it brings about artificiality in preaching. Paul speaks with eloquence, but follows not the ways of Greek Philosophers and Sophists, who use human wisdom to

impress. He resists methods design to impress, relying upon the power of God in demonstration of the Spirit [1Cor. 2: 4]. Expression in style is not just about passion and emotion; there is a strong theological dimension owing to God's plan for preaching. Simply, preaching should align with the divine intentions of God and not the human agenda of the preacher. Style has to have a vehicle of implementation. Jesus employs metaphor, similes, stories, parables paradoxes, contradictions and humor, achieving the language of clarity in his teaching and preaching. His audience listens attentively and responds. In the next article style relative to the element of interest will be discussed. For questions or comments: [RHBC@ BellSouth.Net](mailto:RHBC@BellSouth.Net) or Afullwoo@Bellsouth.Net

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CONSTITUTIONAL GUIDANCE

The Constitution provides for a **Nominating Committee**. ("This Convention shall have ... Nomination [Committee].") **Article III, Section 2, Sub-section B)**

1. The Constitution provides for specific officers. ("The officers of this Convention shall be: President, Vice President At-Large, Four Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant to the Recording Secretary, Statistician, Historian, Parliamentarian, seven (7) Trustees, and any other officers the Convention deems necessary to carry out its work.") **(Article V)**

2. The Constitution sets the terms of office. ("All officers of this Convention and its auxiliaries shall be elected to serve a four-year term in office. All officers shall be elected to serve no more than four (4) consecutive years in office without having vacated that office for at least one (1) year.") **(Article V, Section 1.)**

3. The Constitution sets the tenure of office. ("Tenure of office shall consist of four (4) one (1) year consecutive terms and shall expire at the end of the fourth (4th) year in office.") **(Article V, Section 2)**

4. The Constitution prescribes a method of election. ("Officers of this Convention shall be elected by a majority vote of the voting delegates, and on recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Before any election is conducted, the presiding officer shall give opportunities for nominations to be made from the floor. The voting shall be conducted by means of a standard secret ballot; with four (4) delegates elected by the Convention to serve as tellers, provided that no candidate for office shall be qualified to serve as a teller. A ballot shall be distributed to each delegate who shall then cast his or her ballot for the candidate of his or her choice. The Nominating Committee shall prepare the ballot. Each candidate will be allowed to run for only one office. Each person running as a candidate for an office in the General Baptist State Convention shall announce his

candidacy in the Baptist Informer at least three months prior to the date of election.") **(Article V, Section 3)**

5. The Constitution stipulates when elections are to be held. ("The Convention shall hold its annual election on the afternoon of the second full day of the Convention.") **(Article V, Section 4)** ("The Annual Session of this Convention shall be held the last Tuesday in October.") **(Article XI, Section 1)**

6. The Constitution provides for the election of the General Board by the Convention. ("The General Board shall be made of one hundred twenty-seven (127) members from each auxiliary, moderators of associations, and from the Convention. The President of each auxiliary shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Board.") **(Article VI, Section 2)** ("The members of the General Board shall be elected every four (4) years at the annual meeting of the Convention when the Convention elects its officers.") **(Article VI, Section 3)**

7. The Constitution provides for the election of the Executive Committee. ("The General Board shall elect an Executive Committee each year at the annual meeting of the Convention. The Executive Committee shall consist of forty (40) members. The General Board shall supervise the work of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may do the work of the Convention during the interim of the General Board sessions. The Executive Committee shall report annually to the Convention and regularly to the General Board on its work during the interim.") **(Article VIII, Section 1)** ("THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall be made up of forty (40) elected by constitutional stipulation in addition to past Presidents of the parent body. Past Presidents of the parent body shall be ex-officio, voting members of the Executive Committee.") **(Article VIII, Section 2)**

8. The Constitution provides for the election of a Board of Trustees. ("THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES shall be elected by the Convention. The number of Trustees shall be seven (7), with two (2) being elected by the Woman's auxiliary and five (5) by the Convention. The members of the Trustee Board shall be associate members of the Executive Committee without a vote.") **(Article VIII, Section 3)**

9. The Constitution provides who is eligible to vote in elections. ("The General Baptist Convention of North Carolina shall be composed of regular organized Missionary Baptist Churches and Baptist Associations cooperating with this Convention, all cooperating Missionary Baptist organizations such as district and state organizations and messengers from cooperating churches.") **(Article IX, Section 1)**

10. The Constitution stipulates the fees to be paid by Churches in elections based upon the size of the congregation. ("Churches with membership of 1-50 shall enroll with \$20.00. Churches with membership of 51-100 shall enroll with \$35.00. Churches with membership of 101-250 shall enroll with \$50.00. Churches with membership of 251-500 shall enroll with \$75.00. Churches with membership of 501-750 shall enroll with \$100.00. Churches with membership of 751-1000 shall enroll with \$125.00. Churches with membership of 1001 and up shall enroll with \$150.00.") **(Article X, Section 1)**

11. The Constitution stipulates the number of voting persons eligible to vote from each congregation based on the size of the congregation. ("Churches with membership of 1-50 shall be entitled to two (2) voting messengers. Churches with membership of 51-100 shall be entitled to three (3) voting messengers. Churches with membership of 101-250 shall be entitled to four (4) voting messengers. Churches with membership of 251-500 shall be entitled to five (5) voting messengers. Churches with membership of 501-750 shall be entitled to six (6) voting messengers. Churches with membership of 751-1000 shall be entitled to seven (7) voting messengers. Churches with membership of 1001 and up shall be entitled to eight (8) voting messengers.") **(Article X, Section 2)**

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Nomination Committee

- Constitutionally stipulated Committee appointed by General Board
- Composed of thirteen (13) members with area representation
- Shall work in conjunction and cooperation with the Baptist Headquarters
- Shall receive letters of interest from persons seeking offices
- Shall determine the eligibility of per-

sons seeking office (i.e., person is affiliated with a General Baptist Church)

- Shall insure that only one person is running for one office
- Shall certify that persons running for office shall have announced in the Baptist Informer
- Shall prepare numbered ballots and turn the same over to the Election Committee
- Shall recommend four (4) delegates to be elected by the Convention to serve as tellers. No candidate for office may serve as a teller
- Chairman shall preside over Convention prior to elections: to allow nominations from the floor prior to elections
- Shall recommend a slate of persons to serve on the General Board
- Shall recommend a slate of persons to serve on the Board of Trustees
- Shall certify the results of the election, determine if a majority and announce the results to the Convention

Election Committee

- Non-Constitutionally stipulated Committee appointed by President
- Shall work in conjunction and cooperation with the Baptist Headquarters
- Shall determine and secure the means of "secret" ballot (i.e., voting machines or paper ballots) based on the need of the parent body and the auxiliaries
- Shall secure necessary voting equipment and personnel required to conduct election and tally votes
- Shall determine the physical location for actual voting and counting of votes as well as the beginning and ending time for voting
- Shall train and supervise the work of elected tellers during elections
- Shall conduct, supervise, and oversee the actual election process
- Shall report results of election to Nominating Committee
- Shall inspect ballots once printed and provide for ballot security before, during, and after election

Registration Committee

- Non-Constitutionally stipulated Committee appointed by President
- Shall work in conjunction and cooperation with the Baptist Headquarters
- Shall determine that pre-registrations and on-site registrations from Churches are accurate for fees and number of voting persons
- Shall determine what the physical

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identification for voting persons

- Shall certify any alternates from pre-registrations or on-site registrations on election day
- Shall physically cancel badges after persons have voted
- Shall receive and decide any challenges to registration during Convention

LAYMEN'S LEAGUE ELECTION Wednesday Afternoon, July 19, 2006 Bear Creek Association Headquarters Goldsboro, North Carolina

1. Persons interested for office in the Laymen's League shall mail or hand deliver a letter of interest to the Baptist Headquarters (c/o The Executive Secretary-Treasurer) stating the position sought and the name and address of the Church of affiliation.

2. The EST will acknowledge receipt of the letter of interest and pass the same along to the Nomination Committee. When acknowledging the letter of intent, the EST shall forward an information form requesting additional contact information from the candidate.

3. Candidates shall also submit a one-page announcement and a photograph for the *Baptist Informer* along with the letter of interest. The initial announcement will be published free of charge. Subsequent announcements/advertisements in the *Baptist Informer* must be pre-paid by the candidates.

4. The deadline for submitting letters of interest and *Baptist Informer* announcements is June 1. In the interest of time, the Nominating Committee may waive the deadline for candidates upon request.

5. The Baptist Headquarters will provide mailing addresses for Churches in the Convention to candidates upon request. If the list can be provided electronically, there is no charge. If mailing labels are requested, the candidates will be charged the cost of producing the labels.

6. The method of election will be by paper ballot prepared by the Nomination Committee. The person receiving the majority of the votes cast will be declared elected. If no majority is achieved by a candidate on the first ballot, a run-off will be held until a candidate has a majority.

7. An opportunity will be afforded for nominations from the floor. Persons nominated from the floor will not have their names to appear on the ballot, but space on the ballot will be afforded for write-in candidates. The Election Committee will only count the write-in names for persons who were properly nominated from the floor.

8. Persons elected will be invited to an orientation meeting conducted by the Baptist Headquarters following election to office. Attendance is mandatory.

CONGRESS ELECTION Thursday Afternoon, July 20, 2006 Bear Creek Association Headquarters Goldsboro, North Carolina

1. Persons interested for office in the Congress of Christian Education shall mail or hand deliver a letter of interest to the Baptist Headquarters (c/o The Executive Secretary-Treasurer) stating the position sought and the name and address of the Church of affiliation.

2. The EST will acknowledge receipt of the letter of interest and pass the same along to the Nomination Committee. When acknowledging the letter of intent, the EST shall forward an information form requesting additional contact information from the candidate.

3. Candidates shall also submit a one-page announcement and a photograph for the *Baptist Informer* along with the letter of interest. The initial announcement will be published free of charge. Subsequent announcements/advertisements in the *Baptist Informer* must be pre-paid by the candidates.

4. The deadline for submitting letters of interest and *Baptist Informer* announcements is June 1. In the interest of time, the Nominating Committee may waive the deadline for candidates upon request.

5. The Baptist Headquarters will provide mailing addresses for Churches in the Convention to candidates upon request. If the list can be provided electronically, there is no charge. If mailing labels are requested, the candidates will be charged the cost of producing the labels.

6. The method of election will be by paper ballot prepared by the Nomination Committee. The person receiving the majority of the votes cast will be declared elected. If no majority is achieved by a candidate on the first ballot, a run-off will be held until a candidate has a majority.

7. An opportunity will be afforded for nominations from the floor. Persons nominated from the floor will not have their names to appear on the ballot, but space on the ballot will be afforded for write-in candidates. The Election Committee will only count the write-in names for persons who were properly nominated from the floor.

8. Persons elected will be invited to an orientation meeting conducted by the Baptist Headquarters following election to office. Attendance is mandatory.

USHER'S ELECTION Friday Afternoon, July 21, 2006 Bear Creek Association Headquarters Goldsboro, North Carolina

1. Persons interested for office in the Ushers Convention shall mail or hand deliver a letter of interest to the Baptist Headquarters (c/o The Executive Secretary-Treasurer) stating the position sought and the name and address of the Church of affiliation.

2. The EST will acknowledge receipt of the letter of interest and pass the same along to the Nomination Committee. When acknowledging the letter of intent, the EST shall forward an information form requesting additional contact information from the candidate.

3. Candidates shall also submit a one-page announcement and photograph for the *Baptist Informer* along with the letter of interest. The initial announcement will be published free of charge. Subsequent announcements/advertisements in the *Baptist Informer* must be pre-paid by the candidates.

4. The deadline for submitting letters of interest and *Baptist Informer* announcements is June 1. In the interest of time, the Nominating Committee may waive the deadline for candidates upon request.

5. The Baptist Headquarters will provide mailing addresses for Churches

in the Convention to candidates upon request. If the list can be provided electronically, there is no charge. If mailing labels are requested, the candidates will be charged the cost of producing the labels.

6. The method of election will be by paper ballot prepared by the Nomination Committee. The person receiving the majority of the votes cast will be declared elected. If no majority is achieved by a candidate on the first ballot, a run-off will be held until a candidate has a majority.

7. An opportunity will be afforded for nominations from the floor. Persons nominated from the floor will not have their names to appear on the ballot, but space on the ballot will be afforded for write-in candidates. The Election Committee will only count the write-in names for persons who were properly nominated from the floor.

8. Persons elected will be invited to an orientation meeting conducted by the Baptist Headquarters following election to office. Attendance is mandatory.

TRUSTEE BOARD ELECTION Wednesday Afternoon, Nov. 1, 2006 M. C. Benton Convention Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1. The Nomination Committee will prepare a slate of persons to be presented to the Convention for election as Trustees. Voting persons will find a place to vote YES or NO for the slate. Should a majority of persons vote for the slate, the Trustees will be duly elected.

2. Persons interested in serving as a Trustee shall mail or hand deliver a letter of interest to the Baptist Headquarters (c/o The Executive Secretary-Treasurer) stating the position sought and the name and address of the Church of affiliation.

3. The EST will acknowledge receipt of the letter of interest and pass the same along to the Nomination Committee. When acknowledging the letter of intent, the EST shall forward an information form requesting additional contact information from the candidate.

4. The Nomination Committee

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shall publish its recommended slate in the August 2006 issue of the *Baptist Informer*.

5. The deadline for submitting letters of interest is July 1, 2006.

6. An opportunity will be afforded for nominations from the floor. Persons nominated from the floor will not have their names to appear on the ballot, but space on the ballot will be afforded for write-in candidates. The Election Committee will only count the write-in names for persons who were properly nominated from the floor.

7. Persons elected will be invited to an orientation meeting conducted by the Baptist Headquarters following election to office. Attendance is mandatory.

GENERAL BOARD ELECTION
Wednesday Afternoon, Nov. 1, 2006
M. C. Benton Convention Center
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1. The Nomination Committee will prepare a slate of persons to be presented to the Convention for election as General Board members. Voting persons will find a place to vote YES or NO for the slate. Should a majority of persons vote for the slate, the Board will be duly elected.

2. Persons interested in serving as a General Board member shall mail or hand deliver a letter of interest to the Baptist Headquarters (c/o The Executive Secretary-Treasurer) stating the position sought and the name and address of the Church of affiliation.

3. The EST will acknowledge receipt of the letter of interest and pass the same along to the Nomination Committee. When acknowledging the letter of intent, the EST shall forward an information form requesting additional contact information from the candidate.

4. The Nomination Committee shall publish its recommended slate in the August 2006 issue of the *Baptist Informer*.

5. The deadline for submitting letters of interest is July 1, 2006.

6. An opportunity will be afforded for nominations from the floor. Persons nominated from the floor will not have their names to appear on the

ballot, but space on the ballot will be afforded for write-in candidates. The Election Committee will only count the write-in names for persons who were properly nominated from the floor.

7. Persons elected will be invited to an orientation conducted by the Baptist Headquarters following election to office. Attendance is mandatory.

GBSC ELECTION
Wednesday Afternoon, Nov. 1, 2006
M. C. Benton Convention Center
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1. Persons interested in an office in the General Baptist State Convention shall mail or hand deliver a letter of interest to the Baptist Headquarters (c/o The Executive Secretary-Treasurer) stating the position sought and the name and address of the Church of affiliation.

2. The EST will acknowledge receipt of the letter of interest and pass the same along to the Nomination Committee. When acknowledging the letter of intent, the EST shall forward an information form requesting additional contact information from the candidate.

3. Candidates shall also submit a one-page announcement and photograph for the *Baptist Informer* along with the letter of interest. The initial announcement will be published free of charge. Subsequent announcements/advertisements in the *Baptist Informer* must be pre-paid by the candidates.

4. The deadline for submitting letters of interest and *Baptist Informer* announcements is July 1, 2006.

5. The Baptist Headquarters will provide mailing addresses for Churches in the Convention to candidates upon request. If the list can be provided electronically, there is no charge. If mailing labels are requested, the candidates will be charged the cost of producing the labels.

6. The method of election will be by voting machines. The person receiving the majority of the votes cast will be declared elected. If no majority is achieved by a candidate on the first ballot, a run-off will be held until a candidate has a majority.

7. An opportunity will be afforded

for nominations from the floor. Persons nominated from the floor will not have their names to appear on the ballot, but space on the ballot will be afforded for write-in candidates. The Election Committee will only count the write-in names for persons who were properly nominated from the floor.

8. Persons elected will be invited to an orientation meeting conducted by the Baptist Headquarters following election to office. Attendance is mandatory.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION
Thursday Afternoon, Nov. 2, 2006
Mount Zion Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1. Following the close of the 139th Annual Session, the General Board will meeting to elect an Executive Committee. The Nomination Committee will prepare a slate of persons to be presented to the Board for election as Executive Committee members.

2. Because Executive Committee is a committee of the General Board, letters of interest shall not be received by the Nomination Committee.

3. The method of voting will be by ballot. Persons in favor of the slate presented will vote YES; person opposed will vote NO.

4. An opportunity will be afforded for nominations from the floor.

5. Persons elected will be invited to an orientation meeting conducted by the Baptist Headquarters following election to office. Attendance is mandatory.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Sample ballots for auxiliary elections will be available by July 1. Sample ballots for General Convention elections will be available by August 1. Requests for sample ballots should be made to the Baptist Headquarters.

2. Only persons certified by the Registration Committee will be allowed into voting areas. Only certified persons will be allowed to cast ballots.

3. Registration for auxiliary elections in July will be on-site only. No

pre-registration will be conducted for auxiliary elections.

4. Pre-registration forms for the General Convention elections will be available beginning July 15, 2006. The deadline for pre-registration for the General Convention election is Monday, October 16, 2006. Pre-registrations received after October 16 will be processed on-site at the Convention.

5. Pre-registration forms must be completed in full. An official signature will need to appear on all pre-registration forms along with complete contact information should the Registration Committee have questions.

6. Pre-registration forms will include space for the name, address, city, state and zip code for each voting messenger and up to three (3) alternates.

7. Pre-registration forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Forms submitted without the proper fees will be returned to the Churches. Churches whose forms are returned for non-payment of fees will need to return the forms with the proper fees or register on-site.

8. On-site registration will be conducted from Monday, October 30 at 9:00 a.m. through Wednesday, November 1 at 12:00 noon.

9. If a ballot is spoiled, a voter may request another ballot. All spoiled ballots will be placed in a locked box and not counted as an official ballot.

10. No lost registration badges will be re-issued.

11. Voters needing assistance in voting will receive assistance from persons certified by the Election Committee and from persons elected by the Convention as Tellers.

12. Appropriate accommodations and equipment will be made available for the physically impaired.

13. Campaigning is not allowed in the voting area. Candidates and their supporters may not enter the voting area for campaigning purposes.

14. Special areas will be made available for campaigning.

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• June 18, 2006 •

**"A wise son hears his father's instruction,
but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke."
(Proverbs 13:1)**

"My dad was my best friend and greatest role model, and I will miss him deeply," Tiger Woods said in a statement. "I'm overwhelmed when I think of all of the great things he accomplished in his life." Earl Woods, who raised perhaps the most recognizable athlete on the planet, golfer Tiger Woods, died Wednesday (May 3, 2006) at his family home in Southern California after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 74.



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By Dr. Charles Bullock
President GBSC

Greetings



Dr. Charles
Bullock

Greeting in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. It is because of His love, grace and mercy that we have come thus far on life's journey. Another fiscal year of our convention is coming to a close next month. Our Executive Secretary, Treasurer Reverend Haywood Gray joins me in thanking each of you for your contribution to our convention. For those of you who have increased your contributions over the past year, we are eternally grateful. Your support of the Lord's work makes it possible for the continued support of our objectives. The Central Children's Home, Shaw University and the Divinity School inclusive, Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention and State Mission, all are blessed and productive because of our love and financial support.

We submit a special appeal to the pastors and churches that have not made a financial contribution this year to the convention. We ask that you make a contribution to the convention before the fiscal year ends next month. We know that God plus man equal a bountiful harvest. In one sense, God's work cannot be accomplished without man. He has no hands but our hands, no feet but our feet, and no voice but our voice. The Bible teaches that our part is to be good stewards. My appeal to you is, if you have not made a stewardship contribution for the 2005 - 2006 fiscal year to GBSC, please send your contribution before August 31, so that it will be included in the annual financial report.

In addition to our major objectives, the convention will continue to give support to assist those who suffer because of major disasters. Also by the help of God

and your support of State Missions, we will keep our property in Laurel Hill, J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, refurbished and updated for ministry. We must continue to support our staff, for on a daily

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basis they keep
the convention up
and running.***

basis they keep the convention up and running. Reverend Haywood Gray and Mrs. Portia Brandon are representing the convention through speaking engagements and conducting workshops across the state. Because of the blessings of God, the untiring effort of our staff

and others, such as Mr. Dexter Perry, and your, support we continue to provide effective service.

I say to the Baptist Churches and Associations across this state that we are family and the strength of our convention is our unity. Each church, each association, and each member of the convention are linked together; we are like a chain. As we join together in support of our goals and objectives to do ministry in the

name of Jesus, we make a difference in the lives of lost souls and those who are hurting. In Mark's gospel, Chapter 2, a paralytic was brought to Jesus carried by four men, and each man carried his corner. In this contemporary age, it is the task of every disciple, every church, every association to carry his or her corner for the building up of God Kingdom through the ministries of the convention. In so doing, we help the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ to be accomplished. We may note in the passage of scripture quoted above that when Christ and the helpless man got together, Christ revealed His grace, His power, and His glory and the paralytic man received forgiveness of his sin, and then made well, all because each man carried his corner. We have the privilege of carrying our corner and cooperating with the Holy Spirit in making a difference in our world. Our financial support and commitment "To Serve The Present Age" (Ephesians 4:11-12) will help to make people aware of the presence and purpose of Jesus Christ and of His work through the church, through the association and through the convention. May the blessings of God be upon you. ■

Chairman Grant visits Zion, Pee Dee, Pee Dee Union and Deep River

By Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice President At Large

Wadesboro and Sanford - Chairman Grant visited the Zion Baptist Association, Rev. Walter B. Ellerby, Moderator; the Pee Dee Association, Rev. Samuel Norman, Moderator; the Pee Dee Union Association, Rev. E. L. Alexander, Moderator; and the Deep River Association, Rev. R.L. Gilmore, Moderator. These visits represent ongoing efforts to keep the Convention in touch with the concerns/needs of pastors and churches, and thereby facilitate the addressing of the same. The meeting with Zion, Pee Dee, and Pee Dee Union officials was held on April 25, 2006 in Wadesboro at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The meeting with Deep River was held on May 6, 2006 at the Oakland Missionary Baptist Church in Ramseur, Rev. R. L. Gilmore, Senior Pastor. Dr. Grant was the conference speaker for Deep River's Mid-Year Conference on May 6. The General Board is grateful to these moderators, association officials, pastors and ministers for their kind hospitality and warm reception of Chairman and Vice President At Large Grant. During these visits, concerns and issues were received for follow-up and referral to the General Board and



Pictured with Chairman Grant from Deep River are Moderator L. R. Gilmore (3rd from right) and other pastors

Convention. Following is a summary of issues and concerns raised, as well as a summary of Chairman Grant's feedback on the same.

Issues/Concerns

1. How much mission money goes to Shaw University out of \$500.00?

Grant: Dollars sent to the Convention's Unified Program are distributed on a percentage basis as follows: 30% to State Missions, 44% to Shaw University, 20% to Foreign Missions, and 6% to the Central Orphanage in Oxford. Accordingly,

\$220.00 out of \$500.00 would go to Shaw University.

2. What all is mission money used for?

Grant: State Missions monies are used to pay for operations and programming expenses.

Operations expenses include such things as Parent Body and Auxiliary Officers honoraria and expenses, staff salaries and benefits, postage, office supplies and equipment, insurance, telephones, utilities, etc. Programming expenses include such things as rental of facilities like convention centers, printing of materials and programs for sessions, staff travel and lodging, honoraria for presenters, etc. For a detailed listing of expenses, contact headquarters and request the Campaign 750 Enrollment Kit.

3. How much do officials of the mission department receive?

Grant: The 2005-2006 Convention Budget designates \$276,256.00 for "Personnel." This includes



Dr. John H.
Grant

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By Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.,
1st Vice President

The Mid-Year Session of the GBSC was held in the city of Wilmington, NC, hosted by the Rev. D.K. Ferguson and



Dr. Howard
Parker, Jr.

the members of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church from May 8th – 10th, 2006. The Spirit of the Living God met us beginning with the Monday evening session with music by the Youth Choir of Shiloh. The Rev. Terry Henry, Pastor of the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, who was the preacher for that evening session and their choir, carried our spirits to higher heights. Due to the large attendance of the Mid-Year

State Mission: Amended Constitution

Session, much of the three day sessions were held with the Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Among the noted preachers for the week was the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, President of the North Carolina NAACP and Pastor of the New Green Leaf Disciples of Christ Church in Goldsboro. The mighty way in which God used Dr. Barber in the Tuesday evening session was challenging and an inspiration to all. It was just good to have been there.

Aside from the praise and worship services, we did take the opportunity to attend to some business matters during the session. One of these matters was approving the new amended constitution on May 9, 2006. Most of us however, may not know much of what is in the constitution but, all of us should know

what GBSC is about and stands for. Permit me to share the Preamble and Article II: Object with you from the Constitution.

Preamble: The Missionary Baptist Churches of North Carolina, in order to form a closer relationship, to effect mutual helpfulness, to foster and support Mission, Christian education, to maintain Christian fellowship, to uphold doctrines commonly held by Missionary Baptist Churches, to support more effectively the gospel ministry and to enhance our Christian Ordinance, do devise, ordain and establish this as the Constitution.

Article II: Object: Section 1. This Convention shall undertake to promote and support Home and Foreign Missions, Christian and Higher Christian Education, ministerial relief,

church building development, social Christian services, publication and distribution of Baptist Christian literature; support children in the state of North Carolina who are in need of care, the study and distribution of the Bible, to cooperate with other Missionary Baptist organizations to carry the Spirit of this Convention and engage in whatever other Christian endeavors as were deemed necessary to advance the Kingdom of God.

Section 2. To enhance Christian fellowship among the Baptist of North Carolina in cooperation with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and to form a brotherly tie with Baptists and Christians around the world.

Please hold on to the purpose and reason why this Convention exists as a guide for giving to it in time, talent and means.

From the desk of the Second Vice-President

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, D. Min.,
2nd Vice President

“To all in (the General Baptist Family) who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 1:7, NIV). I continually pause to thank God for all of you, “because your faith is being reported all over the world” (Rom. 1:8b).

With hearts full of gratitude and minds that are made up to go on in the Lord, we celebrate God who gets the glory. We must endeavor to continue in Christ’s mandate to be willing witness-

es, warriors, and workers locally, regionally, nationally, and “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8b).

I repeat my previous observation and assessment that this convention stands on the threshold of abundant blessings through the power of God. Our mountaintop view of promised-land possessions should not result in a stagnant spirituality. God has promised empowerment for those who are faithful. General Baptists, we can and must experience the power that is ours in Christ Jesus.

We are called to be Christian soldiers, kingdom builders, and willing workers in the construction of Christian disciples in the home, church, community, country, and the world at large. Our mission is to “go, teach, baptize, and teach.” This enables believers worldwide to become equipped for

Christian warfare.

The detonating power that is ours in God through Jesus the Christ is inspiring, transforming, and life changing. We are more than conquerors because:

- We are the weapons God uses for warfare against injustice, inequity, and inequality.
- We are the weapons God uses for warfare against racism, sexism, and ageism.
- We are the weapons God uses for warfare against oppression, aggression, and depression.
- We are the weapons God uses for warfare against disruption, destruction, and corruption.
- We are the weapons God uses for warfare against sin, suffering, and satanic struggles.

The power, presence, and provision of God, the Gospel of Jesus the Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit serve as our *trinitrotoluene*, our TNT!

My Christian sisters and brothers, load up your missions and outreach groups with Holy TNT! Become God’s weapons of warfare, and ensure the detonation of kingdom building throughout the world as Christ’s power becomes tangible and visible in our lives.

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THEME: “By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness...” (II Corinthians 6:7)

By Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
President, WBH & FMC

Standing For Jesus

Stand up, stand for Je-sus, Ye sol-diers of the cross!

Lift high His roy-al ban-ner- It must not suf-fer loss.

From vict'ry un-to vict'ry His ar-my shall He lead,
Till ev'ry foe is van-quished And Christ is Lord in-deed.

Bronnie Daniels

Stand up, stand up for Je-sus, The trum-pet call o-bey;
Forth to the might-y con-flict In this His glo-rious day.
Ye that are men now serve Him A-gainst un-num-bered foes;
Let cour-age rise with dan-ger And strength to strength op-pose.

Stand up, stand up for Je-sus, Stand in His strength a-lone;
The arm of flesh will fail you- Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gos-pel ar-mor Each piece put on with prayer;
Where du-ty calls or dan-ger Be nev-er want-ing there.

Stand up, stand up for Je-sus, The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of bat-tle- The next, the vic-tor's song.
To Him that o-ver-com-eth A crown of life shall be:
He with the King of glo-ry Shall reign e-ter-nal-ly. - George J. Webb

Let us gather together in Winston-Salem during July 23-27th, 2006 to wor-

ship, to witness, to fellowship, to nurture, and to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us begin praying now for a session that is pleasing to God. Let us pray for the empowering by the Holy Spirit to carry out all events to His glory. Let us also pray that all minds, hearts, actions, and wills will be in the captivity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us stand up for Jesus and be counted in His honor and stead!

Reminders

The Woman's Convention seeks to teach and live in unity and prayers, a charge that God has given. Following are reminders for sharing Jesus Christ's love with others. **Pre-Convention and the 122nd Annual Session will convene Sunday, July 23rd through Thursday, July 27th, 2006 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.**

1. **Missions Prayer Day** is June 24th, 2006. Please send to the office for the free material for the missionary county unions, and churches not associated with a union.

2. **Housing Reservation Forms** are now available for the 122nd Annual Session in Winston-Salem. Please complete the form and send it directly to the given address on the form. The Annual Session Assembly will meet July 23-27, 2006 at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

3. **A Communion Service** on Sunday evening, July 23rd, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

4. **The Johnnie Blunt McLester Pre-Convention Banquet** on Monday evening, July 24th 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. You may

secure tickets from the office of the Woman's Convention now. Tickets secured through the Office are \$40.00 each. Tickets secured on site are \$41.00 each. Please send to the Office now for tickets.

5. **Missions Study Classes** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (July 25th-27th, 2006). Pre-registration information is available for class registration. There will be classes for Pastors and Senior, Young Adult and Youth missionaries. The class for Pastors will be taught by a Pastor.

6. **Youth Projects** on Tuesday, July 25th, 2006.

7. **The Young Adult Missions Prayer Breakfast** on Tuesday, July 25th, 2006 at 6:45 a.m. The advance donation is \$16.00; at the door, \$17.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets now.

8. **The Ministers' Wives and Widows Fellowship Luncheon** on Tuesday, July 25th at 12:30 p.m. The advance donation is \$15.00; at the door, \$16.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets now.

9. **The Youth Prayer "Pizza Party"** during the conventional week (time and place to be announced.) The advance donation is \$9.00; at the door, \$10.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets.

10. **Annual Address of President Daniels, along with report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer Brodie**, on Wednesday morning (July 26th).

11. **Joint Early Morning Prayer Hour for Seniors, Young Adults and**

Youth from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 25th through Thursday, July 27th.

12. **Executive Committee may meet on Monday, July 24th at 9:00 A.M.** The Executive Board will meet on Monday, July 24th at 10:00 A.M. The General Board will meet on Monday, July 24th at 1:45 P.M.

* 13. When books are mailed there will need to be an additional cost for postage. The invoice will reflect the book cost and the additional cost of postage.

14. **District Conference color code for July (Annual Session) will change:**

2006 Blue (Everyone)
2007 Green (Everyone)
2008 Yellow (Everyone)
2009 Red (Everyone)

15. The 2005-2006 Budget is in the amount \$819,055.00, which will be distributed among the objectives: State Missions-\$578,154.00, Foreign Missions \$80,901.00, Shaw University-\$49,500.00, Shaw Divinity School-\$33,500.00, Central Children Home-\$36,500.00 and Baptist Assembly-\$40,500.00. Check and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. PLEASE send generous funds now in particular for State Missions. More than one half of funds sent, if designated should be designated for State Mission, because of the ministries, staff, and operations cost. THANKS TO GOD AND TO YOU in advance for responding to this our great need in order to implement His mission effectively.



Dr. Priscilla Brodie

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salaries and benefits (insurance, retirement, employer FICA, annuity match) for Headquarters staff, retired employees benefits, and additional labor.

4-5. How much goes to state mission? How much goes to foreign mission?

Grant: See response to number 1 above.

6. Is money used for travel, vacation, and business trips?

Grant: Yes, as designated and approved in the Convention's annual budget for necessary staff travel/ business trips, as well as staff earned vacation time.

7. The Biblical principle of tithes and offerings should be taught both on the Convention level and the local level. Churches should be asked to tithe to the local associations, and the associations could then tithe to the Convention.

Grant: It is my understanding that some churches do tithe to the Convention. In the past, all churches have been asked to tithe to the Convention. Most do not.

8. The districts concept should be reactivated where the Convention is divided into regional geographic districts, with each district having a moderator. Each region could have annual dis-

tributions to moderators and pastors who otherwise cannot attend General Board or other Convention sessions.

9. The Convention should schedule workshops and scholarships to assist pastors financially.

10. The Convention should publish guidelines for calling new pastors.

11. The Convention should have a policy for dealing with inactive churches.

12. The Convention always asks for money, but is not accountable to local churches once monies are received.

13. There is a new generation that is not loyal to local associations or the Convention. Their priorities are the local churches they pastor.

Grant: Each of the above concerns in numbers 8-13 will be noted in my report to the General Board, published in the Baptist Informer, and brought to the forefront of our Convention.



Moderator W. R. Ellerby, Zion Association; Rev. J. L. Gilchrist; Moderator S. Norman, Pee Dee Association; Rev. L. L. Cole Jr.; Rev. R. L. Davis; Rev. E. Lee; Rev. F. R. Butler Jr.; Moderator E. L. Alexander, Pee Dee Union Association; Deacon Willie Dockery, Chairman Grant.

tribut meetings to promote Convention objectives. These meetings could also provide another way to get information

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Laymen's League President Of the GBSC of NC, Inc

It is a blessing to be in the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through my affiliation and ministry in the GBSC Laymen's League. I have served spiritually, faithfully and successfully for 26 years as a member and officer of our organization. The spiritual successes and rewards we have experienced in serving our Christian brothers, sisters, youth and "the yet unsaved" have made me eager to continue my ministry in the position of Laymen's League President. Clearly, we as Christian men and women play a large and influential role in the lives of our fellow men, women and youth. Working in partnership with you. In God's service, presents a great opportunity for us to serve and minister throughout the state. We can provide Christian leadership, direction, service and assistance that will improve the spiritual, social and psychological functioning of men, women, and their families. It also affords us opportunities to maximize these families' spiritual well-being and the spiritual functioning of our youth.

I can draw from my years of experience in the Laymen's League, my experiences as the executive director of a community based organization, my experience in team building, my program research/implementation/evaluation experience, my experience in organizational development and my extensive project management experience, in both the profit and not-for-profit sectors. These skills and experiences, as well as my enthusiasm, education, strong motivation and my abiding love of God are the assets I can bring to the presidency of the Laymen's League. I look forward to working in partnership with you to build on our many successes and to move our organization to even higher levels of Christian accomplishment to the glory of God.

I appreciate your consideration, support and vote for the office of president.

Everett Miles

◆ Theodore David ◆

2006 Candidate For President-GBSC NC Laymen's League Auxiliary

I, Theodore David, a 23 year member of Watts Chapel Baptist Church located in Raleigh NC., am please to announce my 2006 candidacy for President of the GBSC NC Laymen's League Auxiliary.

During my 23 year involvement in the Laymen's League Auxiliary, I have realized the values of fellowshiping with Christian men young and old, at the local, Association, and State Levels. I have learned very valuable life lessons and seen strong Christian role modeling in the older Laymen and have been able to provide the same for the younger Laymen. It is an organization that I've participated and worked in, learned from, and come to appreciate as one of the most important Baptist affiliations for Christian men and boys.

It is an organization that I've enjoyed contributing to at almost every level and have witnessed its positive impact upon the growth and development of church men and boys, as well as congregations within which

they serve. It is an organization which has potential, if properly organized and facilitated, to provide Christian direction and purpose to every Laymen and potential Laymen both within and without the Church walls.

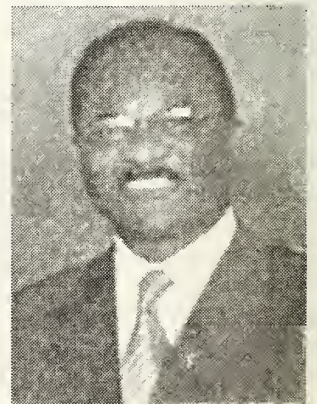
The Laymen's Auxiliary, over the years, has presented me with opportunities and challenges to help meet the organizations goals and objectives. I have been recognized on several and also rewarded for meeting those challenges throughout my tenure with Laymen's League. Four of my most memorable moments in the State Laymen's League include:

- Being recognized as the GBSC NC Laymen of the Year -1996-1997
- Being given the opportunity to organize and build a Laymen's League within the Johnston District Missionary Association-1994-2002
- Witnessing my Son, Bennett C. David, serving as NC Youth Laymen League President-

2002-2006

- Being inducted into the GBSC NC Laymen's Hall of Fame-2005-2006

I feel that my Christian Laymen background, experience, and proven organizational and leadership skills will assist with the continued growth and development of the Laymen's Auxiliary. With God's help, I'll also be able to assist the auxiliary with meetings its objectives an carrying out it's programs. I don't underestimate the challenge ahead and solicit your continued prayers.



In God's Service
Brother Theodore David

GREGORY GABRIEL

**CANDIDACY FOR THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
LAYMEN'S LEAGUE**

Giving honor to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
General Baptist President Dr Bullock
Executive Secretary-Treasurer Rev. Haywood Gray
The General Baptist Family

The purpose of this letter is to announce officially my intent to run for office of 2nd Vice President of the General Baptist Laymen's League. I have worked on the Executive Board for the past eight years as 4th and 3rd Vice President. I have enjoyed working with boys at the Retreat and Study Sessions, and serving as Christian Education Director for the Study Session. I have attempted to give of my gifts to help men and boys across the state to know Jesus on a personnel level and also help other enlist in the effort of the GBSC Laymen League makes to encourage Men and Boys to be their best for God. To let them know that God has a purpose for their life.

As 2nd Vice President I would try to continue to life up my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through GBSC and its objectives.

I am a member of New Prospect Baptist Church, 8295 Azalea Road, Sherrills Ford, North Carolina. My pastor is Jarvis Sanier. I have been there all of my life. I served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and Laymen President.

Thank you and may God Bless you.

Gregory Gabriel

3rd Vice President, GBSC Laymen's League

Richmond Turner

Candidate for the Office 3rd Vice President

I, Richmond Turner, of the New Prospect Baptist Church of Sherrills Ford, North Carolina, desires to serve in the position of 3rd Vice President of the N. C. Laymen's League Auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Incorporated.



I have served in numerous areas of Baptist Church work and I am committed to carry-out the mandate assigned to the church by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I solicit your prayers and your vote at the GBSC Trinity Session on July 19, 2006.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Brother William L. Pointer, Jr.



Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am Brother William L. Pointer, Jr. and I seek the position of Fourth Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention NC Laymen. I am a life long standing member of the New Jonathan Creek Baptist Church, 9200 Cornwall Road, Oxford, NC 27565, Reverend Leroy Anderson, Jr., Pastor,

In the year of our Lord, December 2000 I was directed by the Moderator of the County Line Missionary Baptist Association, Reverend Terry Taylor to obtain information that our Association would organize a Laymen's League. On Saturday, September 8, 2001 I attended the Annual Laymen's Retreat that was held at J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly Center, Laurel Hill, NC and returned with an abundance of information. Deacon Jarvis Morgan, who was the State President at that time was very instrumental also and the key to our success at organizing a Laymen's League within the County Line Association

May the Lord Bless and Keep you. I pray in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Brother William L. Pointer, Jr.
President,
County Line Missionary Baptist Association
Laymen's League



Lula M. Gainey

My General Baptist State Convention Family:

"I believe God still calls, appoints, and qualifies men and women to serve him by serving mankind through the unique talents and gifts he has individually given to each of us."

After prayerful consideration, I offer my services as a candidate for the office of "PRESIDENT" of the Congress of Christian

Education, auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina INC.

Over the past (16) years, I have worked in the Congress with our Youth Department as a Counter, Judge, Assistant Oratorical Director, Oratorical Director and 2nd Vice-President/State Youth Supervisor. While Oratorical Director, I organized the first State Oratorical Conference and assisted in the planning of the (6) which have followed.

From its inception, the then (Sunday School & BTU Conventions), now our Congress of Christian Education has been built upon a solid foundation, purchased by the "BLOOD" of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, some 2,000 years ago. Many great personalities have served in this position, each leaving his/her mark upon the history of our Convention -- wherein, one planted and

another watered: but it is God who continually gives the increase!

This is the philosophy that we bring to the table as a Servant of the most High God, the cause that we represent is greater than individual personalities, so we lay them aside as we seek to point mankind to Calvary.

We enlist your Prayers, Support and Vote on Thursday, July 20, 2006 as we continue the Disciple Making Ministry of equipping men/women/boys/girls to serve the present age.

For Calvary,
Lula M. Gainey

CANDIDATE'S PROFILE

Masters of Science Degree -- Edu. Admn. & Supv.

Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC

Bachelor of Science Degree -- Business Education

Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC

Member:

First Baptist Church Stedman, NC
Rev. Perry L. Melvin, Interim Pastor
Middle District Missionary Baptist Association

Rev. Terry L. Henry, Moderator
(Served as an Officer under 4 Previous Moderators)

Dr. B. L. Rich (Deceased)
Rev. H. R. Cogdell
Rev. Robert P. Jones
Dr. Andre' Carr Sr.

Serving as President

Congress of Christian Education -- Middle District Missionary Baptist Asso.

--- Planning and Executing (3) Annual Training session for (62) Congregations

Congress Objectives "2006 -- 2010"

1. Full Implementation of the Curriculum Certification Program for all GBSC Classes in collaboration with Shaw Divinity School.
2. Provide Effective Instructional Programs of Study in the Annual Trinity Session with CEU Credits through Shaw Divinity School.
3. Provide Effective Instructional Programs of Study in the Mid-Year Session with CEU Credits through Shaw Divinity School.
4. Revise VBS Clinics across the State
5. Continual Support of our "Youth Oratorical Conference"
6. Continual Support of of "Single/Married Couples Conference"

Reverend Dr. Johnny R. Freeman

ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR

The office PRESIDENT

Of the Congress of Christian Education

Auxiliary to the

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Incorporated

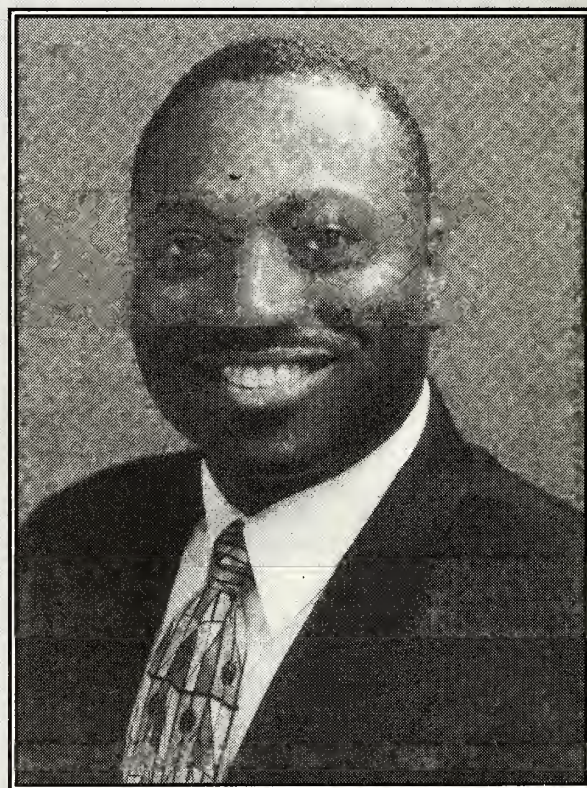
Greetings To my General Baptist Family

This is official notification of my candidacy for the office of President for the General Baptist State Convention, Congress of Christian Education.

I will bring to the office of President the experienced leadership needed to develop the Congress to model that of our National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. As pastor I have developed a partnership with our National Baptist Dean, Dr. George W. Waddles, to bring his staff to my church so that our Sunday School staff will be certified to teach at the National level. One of my goals as Congress President will be to work with our National Dean to certify all our State Congress Instructors and thereby enhance our Baptist work for General Baptist throughout North Carolina. As a Moderator for the Rowan Baptist Association I have the respect and support of our Association Congress as well and will bring to the State Congress the ability to work well with both laymen and my fellow pastors. One of the reasons for the lack of

support in promoting the Congress objectives in the past has been the lack of support from churches. My relationship with pastors across the State will enable me to increase support and participation from our churches by building upon the relationship I have with our pastors.

In conclusion, I offer my prayers, wholehearted support and commitment to this important work that we share for General Baptist across this great State of North Carolina. I look forward to seeing you in Goldsboro on July 17-21, 2006.



Frank J. Byrd

Announcement as a candidate for 1st Vice President of the Congress of Christian Education

Auxiliary to
The General Baptist State
Convention of North Carolina INC.



Frank J. Byrd and wife, Edna

I have been an active participant in the Congress activities for over twenty years (20) as a church representative, a congress teacher and the last four (4) as the Assistant Dean. As the Assistant Dean, I have been involved with the entire curriculum of the Congress.

If elected, I promise to continue the efforts of my predecessor to help equip the Saints for Ministry in the 21st century.

Yours in Christ,
Frank J. Byrd

PROFILE

Masters of Christian Education
Apex School of Theology, Durham, NC

Bachelor of Science Degree --
Mathematics
North Carolina Central University,
Durham, NC

Membership

Community Baptist Church Durham, NC
Dr. Percy R. Chase, Pastor

New Hope Missionary Baptist
Association
Dr. Lafayette Maxwell, Moderator
Served as President of the Congress
Auxiliary for eight years (8)

DR. M.L. KAUFMAN

Candidacy

My Brothers and Sisters of the General Baptist State Convention:

"God calls and utilizes those willing vessels according to their gift in the Body of Christ."

After prayerful consideration, I am running as a candidate for the office of 2nd Vice President of the Congress of Christian Education, auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Before coming to North Carolina as a pastor, I have been a continual supporter of Christian education in the state Baptist Conventions of South Carolina and Arizona. I served as a faculty member for the Congress of the National Baptist Convention USA Incorporated, the GBSC Congress as well as the above listed states. I served as Ministers conference President for the Paradise Baptist State Convention of Arizona.

As a servant of Jesus Christ, the experience gained in various capacities can prove to be invaluable in the service of the Congress. Collectively, with the help of the Lord, we can make an impact together working towards a greater goal of building on the foundation previously laid for the congress.

We enlist your prayers, support, and vote on Thursday, July 20, 2006, as we continue the mission of equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry serving this present age through Christian Education.

Yours in Christ,
Dr. M.L. Kaufman

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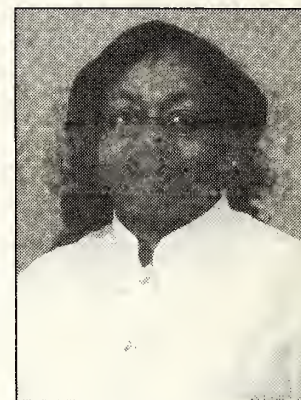
Charles W Dunn

1st Vice-President
General Baptist State Convention
Ushers' Convention

- Devotional Leader, Usher of the General Baptist State Convention for last 8 years
- Former President Wake County Ushers' Union
- Chief Usher of Wake County Ushers' Union
- Other responsibilities:
 - ~ Church affiliation: Malaby's Crossroad Missionary Baptist Church
 - ~ Co-Chairman of the Deacon Ministry
 - ~ President of Ushers' Ministry at Malaby's Crossroads Missionary Baptist Church
- Retired State Employees with N C Department of Agriculture under the Division of Food and Drugs. (Chemistry Analyst). Presently working part-time with Lightner Funeral Home, Raleigh, N C

Motto:
"Live so God can Use You"

Viola N. Thornton



I, Viola N. Thorton of New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Shiloh, North Carolina am interested in acquiring the position of Assistant Recording Secretary of the North Carolina General Baptist Usher's Convention.

I have served as an Usher for 41 years. I am presently serving in the following positions:

- Sunday School Secretary
- Coordinator of the Usher's Ministry
- Coordinator of Outreach Ministry
- Senior and Adult Usher's President
- Northeast Bound Union Usher's President

The benefits far outweigh the cost. My goal in life's journey is to serve the Lord in any capacity that expresses joy, peace and understanding in glorifying him.

Thank You
Viola N. Thornton

Helen M. Thompson

Dear Reverend Wells and Election Committee:

This letter is to inform you that I am seeking the position of President of the North Carolina Usher's Convention. I am Helen M. Thompson, a member of Mount Sinai Baptist Church, 1217 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301

I am a Christian, fully committed and dedicated to the ministry of ushering. My experience and qualifications are listed below:

- District Worker North Carolina Usher's Convention for 3 years
- Member of several committees of the Usher's Convention
- Secretary of the North Carolina Usher's Convention for 15 years
- Member of the Executive Board of the Usher's Convention 25 years
- First Vice President of the North Carolina's Usher's Convention
- President of North Carolina Usher's Convention upon the death of President Forest Eaves in 2005

If elected, through Jesus Christ, I will give my services and support to the North Carolina Usher's Convention.

Sincerely
Helen M. Thompson

VALERIE D. SINGLETON

A Candidate for 4th Vice President
Of The Usher's Convention

I am prayerfully asking for your support and vote as I seek the office of 4th Vice President of the North Carolina State Usher's Convention.

Sister Singleton is a Christian servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. She is a loyal and faithful member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C. She exemplifies the essence of servanthood and would be a tremendous asset to the Ushers' Ministry of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Sincerely,
Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Senior Minister
Friendship Missionary Baptist

Kemba Southern Division Ushers

333 Wallington Road
Wilmington, North Carolina 28409
(910) 791-6415-aloftonjr@aol.com

Deacon Archie J. Lofton, Jr, President • Reverend James A. Davis, Moderator

I **Archie Lofton**, am a candidate for 2nd Vice President of the North Carolina Baptist Usher's Convention. I have served as 4th Vice President and 3rd Vice President of the North Carolina Baptist Usher's Convention. I am a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 16810 Hwy West, Rocky Point, N.C. 28457.

Yours in Christ
Archie Lofton

Deacon Jethro GILCHRIST

Seeking the position of Fourth Vice
President
of the
General Baptist Ushers' Convention
of North Carolina.

This letter is to inform you that I am seeking the position of Fourth Vice President of the General Baptist Ushers' Convention of North Carolina.

Currently, I am the President of Ushers's Ministry at First Baptist Church in Fairmont, North Carolina. My pastor is Rev. Chester Hopkin, Jr. Also, I am the Usher's instructor for the Lumber River Baptist Association. I thank you for all your assistance and look forward to working with you in the future.

Best Regards
Deacon Jethro Gilchrist



Norman H. Dorsey, Jr

I am Norman H. Dorsey, Jr., 4th Vice President of the General Baptist Usher's Convention. I have served four years as 4th Vice President; and I am very interested in becoming 3rd Vice President.

My duty as 4th Vice President has been to assist the president when requested and I have done just that, I represented the president at the

All Baptist Assembly that was held in Winston Salem, and the Mid-Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention that was held in Elizabeth City. I was appointed to participate in the program at the Ushers' Convention; and appointed and served as Chairman of the By-laws Committee.

I have attended and/or worked with the following officials of the Ushers' Convention: Brother Felton Davis, Brother Charles Fletcher, Brother Charlie Rhoades, Sister Nancy High, the late Brother Forrest Eaves and Sister Helen Thompson.

I am a member of Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, where I serve as Deacon.

I am currently President of the Ushers Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association.

I served as President of the Usher's Ministry at Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church for ten years.

I love working with the Usher's and Officers of the General Baptist Ushers Convention and most of all; I love working with people.

If I am elected as 3rd Vice President of the Usher's, I will hold the office in high esteem. I am committed to serving the Lord, the Roanoke Association and General Baptist Usher's Convention.

Marvin T. Clowney, Sr.

Candidate for the Office of
Dean of
Usher's Convention



Please receive this letter notifying you of my intentions to run for the Office of Dean of Usher's for the upcoming election. Serving as the current dean,

this position has given me the opportunity to meet and greet pastors and congregations all over the state of North Carolina. It is an experience that has enabled me to see the challenges facing our ushers in today society, and helping them to achieve the highest expectations they can possibly reach as they serve God and their churches.

It is my desire to continue serving the state convention as Dean of Usher's.

KEMBA Christian Education Workshop

Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association holds annual institute

Portia H. Brandon, M. Div
Christian Education Coordinator
Submitted by Mrs. Mary Faison
KEMBA Director of Christian
Education



Portia
Brandon

The Moderator, Rev. James A. Davis, Officers, members and friends of the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association (KEMBA) were honored and blessed with the presence of Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, Christian Education Coordinator of the General Baptist State Convention (GBSC) during their Annual Institute Workshop.

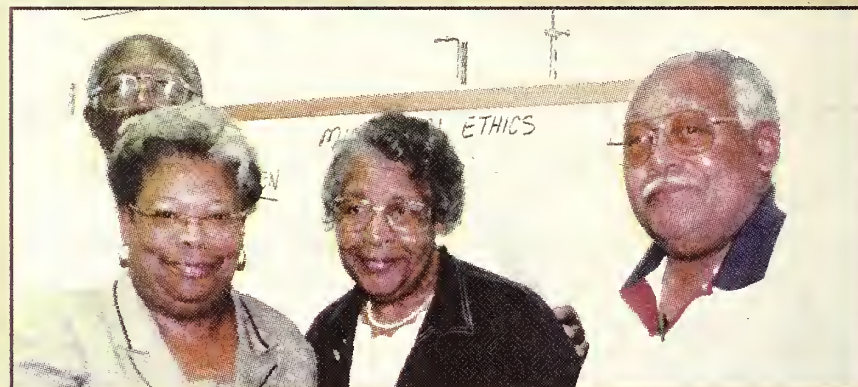
During this time, Mrs. Brandon conducted a two-night workshop on Christian Education. In her dynamic

and anointed presentations she discussed Church Issues, Church Doctrines, and Church Administration. Attendees were spiritually enlightened on Biblical Authority, Autonomy of the Local Church, Priesthood of the Believer, Two Ordinances, Individual Soul Liberty, Baptist Believe in the Justification of Jesus Christ on the Cross, The Church Covenant and the 18 Articles of Faith, Separation of Church and State, The Lordship of Jesus Christ, and how to set up a Church Constitution.

This anointed and gifted teacher of God, inspired, encouraged, motivated and disseminated valuable information to help us do better in our daily work with Jesus.

All leaders including Pastors, Ministers, Officers and Lay persons were reminded, to take their jobs seriously as they go about ministering to the save and unsaved.

The institute workshop was a phenomenal success!



Alzheimer's Faith Based Initiative

The African American church has always been pivotal in serving its members and the community from voting rights, diabetes, hypertension, abuse, to HIV/AIDS, just to name a few.

"The opportunity to educate thousands in North Carolina through the work of the Alzheimer's Association Eastern North Carolina Chapter and its faith-based initiative spearheaded, by Reverend Doctor Cynthia Duarte of Tabernacle Community Christian Church is an exciting and far-reaching prospect" states Executive Director, Alice Watkins. Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common cause of dementia, affecting as many as 5 million Americans. AD results in impaired memory, thinking, and behavior and can last years from the time of the initial onset of symptoms. Warning signs of AD are memory loss that affects job/home skills, difficulty performing familiar tasks, problems finding the right words, disorientation as to time and place, poor or decreased judgment, difficulty with learning and abstract thinking, placing things in inappropriate places, changes in mood and personality, and marked loss of initiative. In the last stage of AD, patients are unable to take care of themselves. Recent research has shown links between particular genes and Alzheimer's disease, but in about 90% of AD cases, there is no clear genetic link.

Reverend Duarte has experienced first hand the impact of dementia and the stress it can bring to a family. While attending Duke Divinity School she would travel to Virginia on weekends to visit with her mother and sometimes had to acknowledge,

"Mom doesn't know me." She says the two hour drive back to North Carolina allowed some time for processing the experience.

Alzheimer's disease affects African Americans more than other ethnic groups, therefore, education is the key to making a difference¹. While the role of the



church is not to diagnose or medicate, the church can be a sounding board to listen, inform, educate, and support people with AD and their caregivers. No agency can fully serve a community not willing to discuss the question, 'How can we help?'

What we hope to accomplish

The work of the Initiative is to:

- ✓ Educate and inform church members about Alzheimer's disease;
- ✓ Examine scriptural support for aging and what it might look like for the church to provide pastoral support to people with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers;
- ✓ Serve as a bridge to services and service providers;
- ✓ Decrease health disparities related to AD and the African American population.

This will be accomplished through the current work of the Alzheimer's Association and direct contact with area churches. Some churches have already taken advantage of the initiative and all churches are encouraged to join these efforts by taking advantage of the work of this important Initiative free of charge by contacting Reverend Duarte at the Alzheimer's Association Eastern N C Chapter at 919-832-3732 or toll free 1-800-228-8738 to schedule a meeting.

The Eastern North Carolina Chapter provides family support, community education, public awareness and supports research for the prevention, cure and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The Chapter serves 51 of North Carolina's counties (from the Triangle to the Coast). Over 130,000 people in North Carolina are affected by Alzheimer's and these numbers are expected to quadruple by the year 2025.

The Chapter provides assistance with information, educational programs and services to patients, their families, health care professionals and the general public. Through support groups, Helpline and networking with other nonprofits and local, state and federal agencies, additional information and care are provided.

Raising awareness in a single church, family, or community will ultimately raise awareness in society at large and can be a tool for fighting the cultural stigma and stereotypes associated with Alzheimer's and other dementias as well as other diseases.

*By Reverend Doctor Cynthia Duarte, Pastor
Tabernacle Community Christian Church*

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by
GEORGE CLYDE DEBNAM, M.D.

George Debnam Ad



This announces my candidacy for the office of President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated during the 139th Annual Session to be held October 30 thru November 2, 2006. I want to thank the Convention family for your confidence in electing me over the last

two decades to each of the six positions each of the six times I have offered myself as a candidate.

My present candidacy is the seventh time I am offering myself for elected office. I am asking for your vote of confidence one more time. I am committed to the office of President functioning in conformity with the President's constitutional duties:

- Preside over the deliberations of the Convention;
- Appoint committees as per the Convention constitution;
- Preside over the Executive Committee;
- Perform any and all other duties appertaining to the office of the Presidency.

Why support my candidacy? I submit five reasons:

1) Certifications

Accepted Jesus Christ as Lord, called by God, licensed and ordained into the Gospel Ministry at a young age.

2) Qualifications

EDUCATION:

- Bachelor of Arts, Benedict College, Columbia, SC
- Master of Divinity, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY
- Doctor of Ministry, Atlanta Theological Association & Erskine Seminary
- USC Graduate School, Central Philippine University

EXPERIENCE: Past & Present (Partial Listing)

- Baptist pastor for 34 continuous years;
- Pastor, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Asheville since 1989. Former pastor of Bethel, Shoal Creek, and New Covenant Baptist Churches;
- Member, GBSC General Board and Executive

Dr. John H. Grant

Committee for more than 20 years

- Proven competence as a six-time elected Convention officer: Assistant Recording Secretary, Recording Secretary, Third Vice President, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and presently Vice President At Large and Chairman of the General Board;
- Chaired and led the Convention's Departments on Higher Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions;
- Experience and exposure as an elected officer under five presidents (Reverend Doctors J.B. Humphrey, W. B. Lewis, Clifford A. Jones, John D. Fuller, and Charles T. Bullock) giving me pivotal perspective and crucial insight into the mission, ministry and infrastructure of our Convention;
- Community Developer: Experienced in organizing and leading four 501 (C) (3) non-profit community based organizations with more than five million dollars raised for community projects and many jobs created for the local community residents;
- Founding Chairman/President/CEO, Eagle Market Streets Community Development Corporation which focuses on restoring the Historic African-American Community Business District in Downtown Asheville;
- Founding President & CEO, Mt. Zion Com. Development Inc., which administers four community programs: 1) Minority Infant Mortality Reduction Project, 2) Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative, 3) Community Technology Center, 4) Real Estate Development;
- Co-Founder of Community Outreach, Inc., which provided Child Care and Youth Summer Day Camp for low wealth community residents;
- Founding Chairman, Cleveland County Community Coalition of Churches
- Vice President and President, Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, which provides a medical clinic, emergency shelter for homeless men, women and children, prison ministry, clothes and food banks;
- President, Asheville's Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance;
- Instructor, Shaw University C.A.P.E. Center.

3) Recognitions

- Recipient of the 2004 North Carolina NAACP Minister of the Year Award;
- City of Asheville Proclamation: "Dr. John H. Grant Day," October 5, 2003;
- Martin Luther King, Jr. "2001 Church of the Year" award for "reflecting the spiritual values of Dr. King's stand for social and economic justice ...";
- Project Nurturing Asheville and Area Families: Cited in Asheville as a "National Model of Care" in reducing Minority Infant Mortality;
- Elizabeth Grant Hill Campus of Learners: Founded with the support of Dr. Grant's cousins—former NFL great Calvin Hill and wife Janet; and current NBA Orlando Magic Star Grant Hill and wife, R&B recording star Tamia. Cited as the "2001 Faith-Based Initiative of the Year" by the NC Association of Community Development Corporations;
- 1993 Minority Enterprise Week "Minister of the Year";
- "Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition" in 1993, 1995 and 2004;
- Buncombe County's list of "100 Most Influential People".

4) Dedications

- To Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior;
- To Family: Wife of 26 years, Belinda; Children, Kontia & John;
- To Pastorate: Mount Zion Miss Baptist Church of Asheville;
- To GBSC Objectives;
- To presiding over the Convention, appointing committees as per the Convention constitution, presiding over the Executive Committee, and performing any and all other duties appertaining to the office of the Presidency.

5) Presentations

My Presidential platform centers on: Identifying relevant Convention challenges, making appropriate and informed Convention choices, implementing necessary Convention changes, continuing to restore Convention credibility. As Vice President At Large and General Board Chairman, I have been at the forefront of efforts toward accountability

and credibility throughout the Convention family. As board chairman, I have done the following:

- Consistently upheld the Convention constitution;
- Consistently supported the mission, ministry, goals and objectives of our Convention, both financially and otherwise;
- Led in drafting a Conflict of Interest policy, a Code of Conduct and Confidentiality policy, which the board unanimously adopted;
- Recommended a Board self-assessment, also unanimously adopted, which identified Board/Convention strengths and areas of growth;
- Recommended Listening Sessions across the state to bring the concerns/needs of pastors and churches to the forefront of our Convention, and thereby facilitate the addressing of the same;
- Personally conducted Listening Sessions across the state and published the results in the Baptist Informer.

As President, the Convention challenges I will lead in addressing include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) A perception that all the Convention wants is money;
- 2) Implementing an Economics of Evangelism Institute;
- 3) Declining tradition Baptist churches;
- 4) The moral and social issues of our day – war, health disparities in the African-American community, affordable housing and health care, HIV/Aids, child abuse, drug abuse, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, same sex marriage, livable wages, etc;
- 5) Revisiting GBSC Prison Ministry and feasibility of a new headquarters building;
- 6) Continuing support of Convention objectives, the 750 Campaign, the Baptist foundation, website technology, etc. (visit www.mtzionasheville.org for details).

The Convention Vision Theme for my tenure will be: **"A Convention Relevant to the Times, Anchored to the Rock"** (1 Corinthians 10:4). Together with God's empowerment, we will successfully meet the challenges, make good choices, implement necessary changes, and continue to make the Convention a credible model of relevance in serving our present age! Thank you for your prayers, support and vote on November 1, 2006 (Election Day) during the 139th Annual Session at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem.

*Article V, Section 6.1.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

I greet you, my beloved General Baptist Family, in the name of our marvelous and matchless Savior, Jesus Christ.

After prayerful consideration with my personal and church families, and countless colleagues, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for the office of president of our great convention. I am proud of our General Baptist work across this state, nation and the globe. And I am especially proud to be a product of its love and development of young people across this state.

INVOLVEMENT

Quite honestly, questions have been raised about my qualifications for the office. Do I have the necessary experience or have I paid my dues? Let me just say, my involvement with General Baptist spans more than forty-five years. I was exposed to the Youth Department of the Woman's Convention as a child by way of the First Baptist Church of Statesville, North Carolina. I was eventually selected to be an officer in the same. For thirteen years, I served as lifeguard and counselor along with other dedicated individuals at our Youth Bible Camp at J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. I was a member of the first young adult department class developed under the leadership of our current woman's President, Bronnie Daniels. I served a four-year tenure as moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association where we experienced both spiritual and numerical growth, and continued a storied history of commitment to mission causes. I have been an elected member of the General Board and Executive Committee for more than

twenty-two years. During the E. B. Turner administration, I served as Vice-Chair of the General Baptist Foundation. In subsequent administrations, I received presidential appointments to serve as a member and eventual chair of the Personnel Committee. I served as first chair of the Minister's Council and emphasized such ministerial concerns as medical and retirement benefits. I served as Moderator-of-Moderators, member of the Health and Human Services board and several other strategic committees and commissions over the years. I presently serve on the General Board, Executive and Personnel committees, the General Baptist Foundation and the Health and Human Services boards. Importantly, I am most proud to be a local pastor who has provided support for General Baptist causes for over twenty-nine years.

I am no stranger to the commitment of General Baptists to "go into all the world..." Having a global evangelistic and mission influence beyond our state borders is no longer an option. We are called to partner with others who have like passions for missions. I have been a participant in Lott Carey causes from my youth until now. I also have and continue to support American and National Baptist causes. I have built, cultivated and maintain ecumenical relationships with the National Council of Churches, AME Zion, AME, Apostolic, Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Presbyterian and Southern Baptist churches. These opportunities for service have positioned me to have a unique and unlimited perspective of the convention. Serving has pre-

pared me to not only see the convention as it exists now, but also provides momentum to propel us to the future.

VISION

The vision or purpose God has provided me for our General Baptist work is rooted in scripture and our early beginnings. **"Go ye therefore and teach..." Matthew 28:19** In 1867, our convention was born out of necessity to educate our people. To be relevant in this present age, we must enhance and intensify our efforts to provide the best educational opportunities available to equip our congregants for ministry and mission. We will focus our efforts on our existing mission objectives, building better and stronger relationships with them, while expanding our support to new objectives deserving our support. We will strive to enhance our fellowship with one another across the state and be intentional about creating an environment wherein **all General Baptists** feel included and connected to our work. Every effort will be made to reclaim the uninterested.

REQUEST

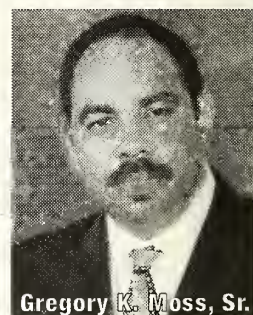
Genesis 27:15; 18 captures the essence of my intention and desire as leader of our General Baptist witness in North Carolina. According to the scripture, the wells of Abraham had been filled in by the Philistines. Abimelech, realizing Isaac had the favor of God upon his life, ordered that no hand be laid upon Isaac or his wife and sent Isaac away. Isaac departed and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar. Immediately, Isaac dug again the wells of his father Abraham, providing fresh water for his

household and servants. Like Isaac, we have inherited the "wells" of a great convention and a great people.

Along the way, the dust and dirt of time; trial and transition stopped-up our wells, slowed our progress and shrouded our fellowship. We need fresh water. Together we can and must discover **"New Ways of Doing Old Things"**. Together we can build fresh excitement and enthusiasm for the ministry which God has charged General Baptists. To be great, our future requires an anointed, courageous, dedicated, energetic, flexible, gifted, innovative, reflective, skilled, talented and zealous team. My desire is to coach a **great** team comprised of individuals who are endowed with diverse gifts, skills and abilities; not each giving equally, but each sacrificing equally. Together we can be a **great** team.

I ask you to become a part of a great movement, a great mission, a great ministry, a great team, and a great convention. Every coach needs support. So, I am asking you for yours. I ask for your vote. Make your vote count. May God bless you and yours and may God continue to bless the General Baptist family.

In His service,
Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
Candidate for President General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina



Announcement of Intention to seek Presidency of GBSC

Rev. Dr. James W. Smith announces his intentions to seek the position of President of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Incorporated.

Dr. Smith was born and reared in Franklin County where he attended the public schools. He graduated from the former Perry's High School and later attended North Carolina Central University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Commerce Degree and a Juris Doctorate from the NCCU Law School. He received his seminary training from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC; Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, NC; and earned a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctorate of Ministry degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary, Camilla, GA.

Dr. Smith is a former teacher, practicing attorney and administrator. He was the founder and president of Vance County Black Leadership Caucus. Dr. Smith served as Northeast Campaign Coordinator for Congresswoman Eva Clayton during her first successful bid for congress. He is an In-Prison Seminar Instructor. He has taught seminars to inmates on Death Row at Central Prison, Raleigh, NC; the Federal Correctional Institutional, Butner, NC and the Federal Maximum Security Prison in Leavenworth, Kansas. He has served as Vice Moderator at Large and Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. and as Moderator of Moderators for the General Baptist

State Convention of NC, Inc. He has served as a columnist for the Baptist Informer. Dr. Smith has served on a number of boards, including Operation Breakthrough, Durham, NC; Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunities, Inc., Henderson, NC; and Central Children's Home, Oxford, NC.

Dr. Smith has received many plaques and awards including the NCCU Law School Distinguished Alumni Award. His travel is extensive; including, Great Britain, Mexico, France and Israel.

Presently, Dr. Smith serves as President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity, Durham, NC. He is a columnist for the Durham Spectacular. He is a member of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, serves on the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of NC. Since March 1991, he has served as Pastor of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Bahama, North Carolina.

In addition to his pastorate Dr. Smith is self-employed as a Church Consultant and is constantly called upon to mediate, moderate and consult with Pastors and churches. He also conducts seminars and workshops on Pastors and Deacons Relationship, Church Conflict and Legal Awareness Issues. He is married to Barbara Wess Smith and they have two children, Kendra and Joshua.

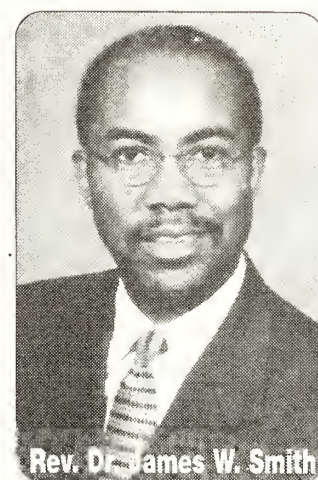
The constitution of the General Baptist State

Convention of NC, Inc. states that the President shall preside over the deliberation of the Convention. He shall appoint Committees that are not provided by the constitution unless otherwise stated. He shall preside over the Executive Committee, and shall perform any and all

other duties appertaining to the office of the Presidency. My education, background and experiences qualify me for the position of President and I am confident that I would serve with honor and distinction. I will support and embrace all of our churches, pastors and objectives of the convention.

This convention continues to face many challenges and I believe I possess the character, reputation, strength and desire to take the convention to the next level. You do have a choice. Make the right one. The convention no longer needs talk, but action.

I ask for your prayers, support, input and your vote as I seek the position of President of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Incorporated.

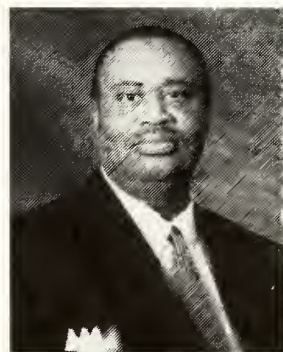


Rev. Dr. James W. Smith

GBSC Parent Body Candidates **Vice President At-Large**

Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.

Announcing his candidacy for the Office of Vice President At-Large of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr., Pastor of Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church, of Greenville, North Carolina, is announcing his candidacy for the Office of Vice President At-Large of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

He is a native of Winston-Salem, and was licensed to preach in 1970 by Dr. K.O.P. Goodwin, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, which is now Pastored by Dr. Serenus T. Churn. At Shaw University, Dr. Parker majored in Religion and at Winston-Salem State University, he majored in History and

minored in Political Science. He received his Master's of Divinity Degree and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from the United Christian College of Goldsboro, NC. He studied at the Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC.

Dr. Parker has held various positions with the GBSC. In 1994, he was elected as Fourth Vice President of the GBSC and has been elected to the Offices of Third, Second and First Vice President, respectively.

The Constitution of the GBSC in Article V: Officers - Section 6. Duties of Officers b. states: *"The Vice President At-Large shall preside over the deliberations of the convention in the absence of the President, or at the request of the President. He shall assist the President in the carrying out of the work of the convention and shall preside over the General Board."*

In addition to the duties of the Vice President At-Large, as defined by the Constitution of the GBSC, Dr. Parker states, *"My pledge will be to continue to reach out to all pastors and churches of the Convention*

from the city cathedral to the country chapel across the state by visiting with churches and associations in worship, workshops and in fellowship." Dr. Parker believes that there ought to be opportunities when an officer of the Convention can visit with the membership without purposing to solicit funds, (as important as that may be), but just to say "Hello" and share in moments of fellowship and friendship; however, there may be accessional times when funds will need to be emphasized but Equal Sacrifice will be stressed for and by ALL members of our Convention.

Dr. Parker finally states that, he will continue to highlight the Preamble of the Constitution of the GBSC and Article II: Object: Section I as found in the Constitution.

Dr. Parker is married to the former LaVerna Grantham of Goldsboro and have two children, Andrea and Kelly.

"I ask for your vote and prayers as a Candidate for the Office of Vice President At-Large of the GBSC of NC, Inc. You may contact me at shmbaptist@earthlink.net."

The Reverend Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II Announces Candidacy for 1st Vice-President of the GBSC of N.C., Inc.

To all my brothers and sisters in the General Baptist "tie" that binds our hearts in Christian love: "Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love"



(Ephesians 6:24, NIV). I, a servant of Christ Jesus by the will of God, humbly and prayerfully announce that I am a candidate for the office of 1st Vice-President of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. I come before you as one who is the least among you and do not even deserve to be all that I am.

"But by the grace of God, I am what I am ..." (1 Corinthians 15:10a).

Words are inadequate to express the profound love I cherish for the relationship, fellowship, friendship, and kinship I share with each of you in Jesus the Christ. You have allowed the mantle of ministry and leadership to be placed upon me through the years with deep and sincere trust. I have sought to be faithful in all this. By the power presence, and provision of God's abundant grace, I pledge to continue to uphold the charge to keep I have under the bloodstained banner of the crucified and resurrected Christ.

Allow me to briefly share the *Voyage, Vision*, and *Victory* that fuels my submission to divine servant hood. First, my *Voyage* is one that God ordained before I was formed and set apart as a slave (*doulos*) of Jesus the Christ. I am the oldest of four children born to the Reverend Dr. Nilous M. Avery and Mrs. Christine Watson Avery. A native of Asheville, N.C., I received

my spiritual education and foundation through the Hill Street Baptist Church and the Mud Creek Association.

God blessed me to receive formal education through matriculation at: Asheville High School (Diploma, 1976), Shaw University (B.A., 1980), Western Carolina University (Teacher Ed. and Administrative Ed. Courses, 1981 - 1988), Shaw Divinity School (M. Div., 1999), and most recently, Hood Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry, D. Min., 2005).

I am honored and blessed of God to serve as the seventh Pastor of the historic Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Salisbury, Inc. This blessed vineyard has produced a fruitful ministry that has spanned fourteen (14) years. Our stewardship there serves as home base for active participation on numerous local, regional, national, and international religious and civic boards and foundations. As a lifelong member of the General Baptist State Convention, I have been blessed by God to serve in varied areas of ministry of our great convention:

- Participant in the summer youth camps (formerly held at Shaw University)
- The Executive Committee and the General Board
- The Evangelism Committee, The Program Committee, The Committee for Higher Learning, and the Election Committee
- 4th Vice-President of the GBSC, and currently, 2nd Vice-President of the GBSC.

Second, my *Vision* for ministry as under shepherd of a local body of Christ and supporter of our convention is anchored in several strong convictions. We must be *United in Christ, Propelled by Hope, and Equipped for*

Ministry. We are called to serve with *A Passion for God and Compassion for People*. We must embrace our chief aim and purpose to *Glorify God and Edify Others* as we strive to become *Kingdom Builders* who *pray, plan, produce, and praise*.

As your 1st Vice-President, I will "assist the President in the operation of the Convention at the request of the President, or at the request of the body, if the President and Vice-President At-Large are absent," and will "chair the Committee for the Department of Home Missions" (Article V, Section 6, Item #3, Constitution of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.). This involves the work of State Missions, Evangelism, Church Mission, Extension and Institutional Ministries, Cooperative Ministries, and Building Planning and Support.

Finally, our *Victory* has been affirmed at Calvary and the empty tomb of the resurrected Christ. We must advance the gospel, celebrate the ordinances, and make disciples. May the spirit of the Lord fall fresh on us as we strive to be all God created us to be. Pray for all our officers, auxiliaries, and candidates in the upcoming elections.

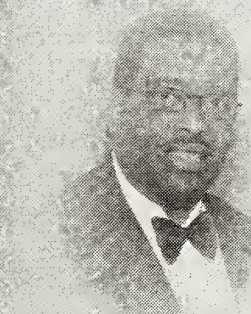
I issue a call and prayerful challenge to my Christian brothers and sisters who have declared or may declare their candidacies in the Convention: **"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith, be (people) of courage; be strong. Do everything in love"** (1 Corinthians 16:13-14, NIV). "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen" (Philippians 4:23, NIV).

2nd Vice-President GBSC Parent Body Candidates

Support and Elect Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch for Second Vice President

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch shall assist the President in the operation of the Convention, and shall perform all other duties peculiar to this office. He shall chair the Committee for the Department of Foreign Mission.

Support and Elect
Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch
For
Second Vice President



Shall assist the President in the operation of the Convention, and shall perform all other duties peculiar to this office. He shall chair the Committee for the Department of Foreign Mission.

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch has been the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC since 1997. Dr. Lynch is a fifth generation preacher in his family with over 25 years of experience in ministry. Born in Greensboro, NC raised in Durham, NC, Dr. Lynch received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro a Master of Divinity Degree from Duke University Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary.

A noted revivalist, speaker and lecturer Dr. Lynch is currently the 3rd Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc., past president of the GBSC Minister's Council, former 3rd Vice Moderator and Institute Dean of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association and instructor in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Congress of Christian Education.



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The Reverend Dr. Ricky L. Banks

**Announces his candidacy for the office of the Third Vice President
Of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Incorporated**

To the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina family, I bid you grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..

I am with the grace of God declaring my candidacy for the office of the Third Vice-President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Incorporated.

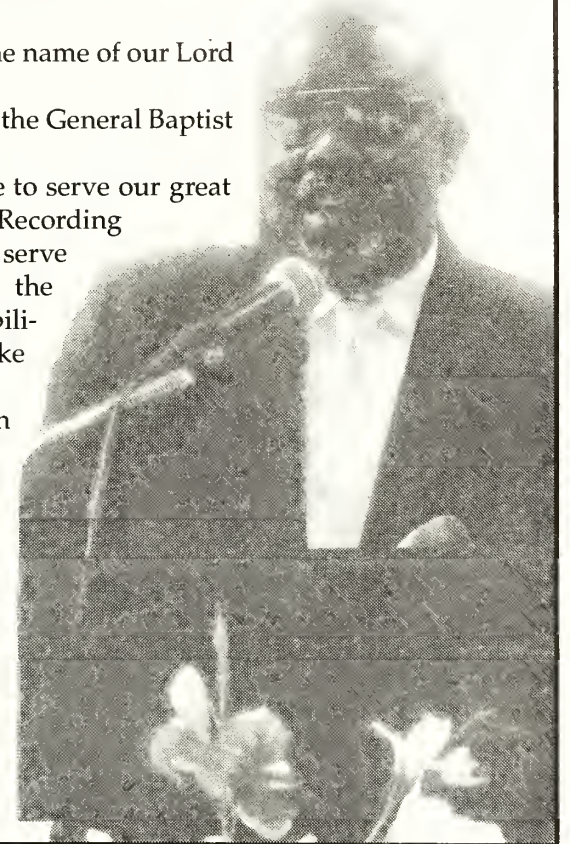
It is with humility and appreciation that I say thank you to the GBSC Family for allowing me to serve our great convention in various capacities. I've been blessed to serve as Assistant Recording Secretary, Recording Secretary, and as Fourth Vice-President. A special thanks to President Bullock for allowing me to serve as his recording secretary to the Executive Committee. I'm also tremendously thankful to the Evangelism Committee, and the General Board for allowing to bless and inspire my leadership abilities as Fourth-Vice-President in order that I may work, build, create and develop program to make our convention all God will have it to be.

I am looking forward as Third-Vice-President to joining our hands and our hearts together in making our convention be at peace with others, peace with ourselves and continue to help in the healing of wounds from various issues we have encountered along the way.

As a graduate from a Historically black college, I will be an asset to our convention as chair of the committee for Department of Higher Education. In April 2006 I received a Presidential Citation from the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, for the service render to the Elizabeth City State University.

For five years I served as Moderator of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, consisting of seventy-five churches.

In closing, I look forward in taking our convention from "Strength to Strength." Psalm 84:7. I look forward to seeing you in Winston-Salem in October.



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by Sabrina Miles-Charleston

Summer time, going to beach, the atmosphere of waking up late, sleepovers or going to Bible Camp. Now the excitement is here, because you are older, have your drivers lic. You have been hired as a Counselor. You are happy, you can make your own money, buy that used car. Well before you get off into the monetary things that being a Counselor affords you, you must first learn of the Great responsibility that you have. SAFETY has to be one of the first priorities for the lives you have been entrusted with.

1. Always be a Student, educate your self about your job.
2. Punctuality
3. Stay Alert
4. Exercise Good Judgment
5. SAFETY
6. Be Mature
7. Avoid Alcohol and Don't Drink and Drive
8. Don't Speed
9. Show some Love



Promises Made + Promises Kept = Accountability

**The Reverend Dr. gloria gerald
Announces her Candidacy for the Office of
Fourth Vice President of the General
Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.**

Blessed be, my General Baptist State Convention family members. I want to be GBSC's next Fourth Vice President, and I am asking for your vote.

As your Recording Secretary I kept all promises made in 2002 when I asked for your vote. This is why I am asking you to make me your next Fourth Vice President. It is also why I can run, with integrity, under the slogan *Promises Made + Promises Kept = Accountability*.

As your 4th Vice President, I will be the Convention's facilitator for Central Children's Home (CCH), and for carrying out other duties as requested by the President and Convention proper.

I believe all children and youth need love, nurturing, spiritual guidance and stability that will enable them to believe in themselves, and gain the skills and attitudes necessary to become productive, caring Christian adults. As such, I am cognizant of the need for providing an environment of academic, social and spiritual enrichment for each of CCH's children and youth. That is why I promise to:

- Represent you well as I press to "walk worthy" of the office;

- Develop a Commission on CCH, per Article IV. Section 6 & Article V. Section 6.6 of our constitution, and in consultation with the President and General Board;
- Hold quarterly Commission meetings;
- Hold yearly workshops at CCH designed to equip Commission members in their role as CCH ambassadors;
- Choose a specific CCH issue/concern to work through each year—in consultation with CCH director;
- Conduct ongoing evaluations of Commission work to ensure goals and objectives are realized;
- Develop an "Association of Angels" consisting of churches, via Associations, who will mentor at least one child throughout her/his stay at CCH and beyond when possible;
- Encourage church financial support and presence during CCH gatherings;
- Publish bi monthly CCH "progress" reports in our official organ, *The Informer*;
- Maintain CCH exhibit during Convention sessions;
- Maintain regular and prompt attendance at GBSC sessions & meetings;
- Maintain promptness in carrying out responsibilities during GBSC sessions & meetings; and
- Carry out other duties as requested by the President and Convention proper.

My GBSC service includes: GBSC Recording Secretary, General Board Recording Secretary; Evangelism Committee, Program Committee, and Instructor.

I am also the pastor of the evolving Grace Baptist Church Family; developer of Winston-Salem's Promise to Children and Youth; developer of In-Between—a before, after and summer school children and youth character and skills development ministry; among other religious and secular involvements.

I hold a Doctor of Ministry Degree (D. Min.), Master of Divinity (M. Div.) from Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA; Pastoral Care Residency certification, Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education at Baptist Hospital Medical Center in Winston-Salem; and a B.A. from the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Purchase, New York. I have done additional graduate study in Christian Education at Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut, and Counseling and Student Personnel at SUNY, College at Brockport, NY.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for your vote.



J. Vincent Terry, Sr.

for Fourth Vice President

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina



- Native Rockingham, North Carolina
- Grew up in the Pee Dee Association
- Member of Providence Baptist Church
- Entered Ministry at the age of 16, under the leadership of the late Reverence Robert T. Gilchrist
- Served as an Associate Minister under the late Reverend Doctor J.H. Ferguson
- Graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, NC
- Matriculated at Shaw University Divinity School, Raleigh, NC
- Holds a Doctor of Divinity from apex School of Theology
- Called to Pastor Mount Peach Baptist Church (formerly Halifax Baptist Church) at the age 19
- Has Pastored One (1) Church for over 23 years
- Under his leadership the Church has experienced growth (more than 2,500)
- Executive Board Member of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.
- Immediate Past Vice-Moderator of the Johnson District Baptist Association
- Institute Director of the Johnston District Baptist Association
- Listed in the National Register's "Who's Who in Executives & Professionals" 2001-2002 Edition
- Married to Faye V. Terry and blessed with three (3) children Fallon Venise, James Vincent, Jr., Farrah Nicole.



REVEREND ANTHONETTE WRIGHT, M.Div.

for Recording Secretary

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

The Reverend Anthonette Wright is a native of Bunn, North Carolina. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Communication with a minor in Theatre, graduating in 1989 from Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. In addition, she holds a Master of Divinity degree from Shaw University Divinity School; Raleigh, North Carolina. She has been certified in the Christian Teacher Training Program at Shaw University Divinity School.

Reverend Anthonette Wright served as Senior Associate in Ministry at the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Bunn, North Carolina. She came into the Gospel Ministry under the leadership of the late Dr. Joseph C. Paige in September 1996. **She served as Assistant to the Pastor until his death.** She faithfully served as Youth Director, Sunday School Professor, Bible Study Professor, Women's Ministry Advisor, Baptist Training Union Advisor/President and Worship Leader. **Reverend Wright currently serves as Minister of Youth/Associate Minister at the Mount Peace Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina where the Reverend Doctor J. Vincent Terry, Sr. is Pastor.** Her duties include mentoring, career and life skills coordinating. She is a preacher, teacher, and leader servant for the Gospel Ministry. Reverend Wright is former Director of Christian Education at the **Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church** in Durham, North Carolina. She served as *Project Manager* for **Shaw University Divinity School Domestic Abuse and Violence Ministry.** She also served as **Director of Church Relations** for the **General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Adoption and Foster Care Ministry**, the GBSC Adoption and Foster Care Committee. She currently serves as Recording Secretary for the Evangelism Ministry of the General Baptist State Convention. Reverend Wright is a Past President of the Franklin Area Clerical Ecumenical Society (F.A.C.E.S.); Franklin County Minister's Alliance. Reverend Wright is President/Owner of **Mo'Betta Productions** (A company dedicated to special events coordinating).

Reverend Wright has a strong sense of community and outreach. She serves in the Outreach Ministry of the Covenant Sisters, (a ministry dedicated to make the difference in the lives of those who have been abused, neglected and set aside.)

Reverend Wright follows this motto: *"If a task is once begun, never quit until it's done. Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all."* Reverend Wright is committed to the ministry for the cause of Christ.

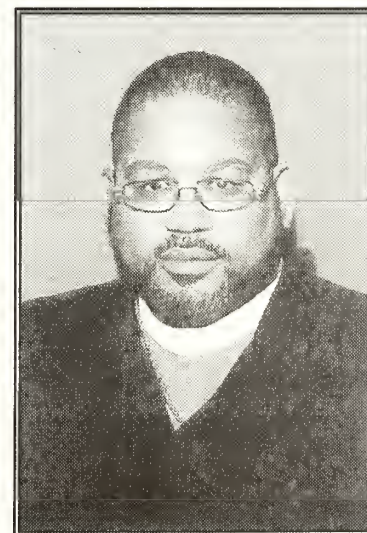
Dr. A.T. Griffey, III

***announces candidacy for the office of Historian of the
General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.***

He is the Pastor of Mt. Camel Missionary Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, NC and the Pentecostal Lighthouse Outreach Ministry. Dr. Griffey served the Convention as Interim Editor for 6 years and served in the field to spread the GBSC message. He presently serves on General Board and Executive Committee and as a GBSC Statistician.

Dr. Griffey serves on Executive Board of the High Point Educational and Missionary Baptist Association, Inc., Director of Christian Education and First Vice President of the High Point Association Congress of Christian Education. Pastor Griffey also serves the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. as the managing editor of the Lantern and teacher "The Computer As A Ministry Tool".

He is married to Delores (Dee) Griffey, they have one son Dedrick, daughter-in-law Megan and three grandchildren Dedrick, Desirae and Savanna.



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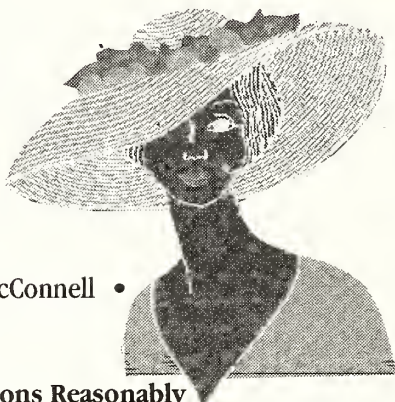
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Trinity Session

Representation Form

_____ Laymen's League Session July 19, 2006

_____ Congress Session July 20, 2006

_____ Ushers Session July 21, 2006

Bear Creek Association Headquarters

Goldsboro, North Carolina

Date: _____

Church Membership:

Name of Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

SECTION A: FEES

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8	_____

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1	_____
2	_____
3	_____

Pastor's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Clerk's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

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- Ordained by Baptist Denomination
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- Must be willing to submit to background check
- References/resume

Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Pastoral Search Committee

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- Special lighting effects
- Design plans
- Structural design
- Energy saving heating and cooling
- Specifications (in laypersons language)

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The 122nd Annual Session

July 23-27, 2006

**Benton Convention Center
Winston-Salem, North Carolina**



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Dr. John Mendez, Host Pastor
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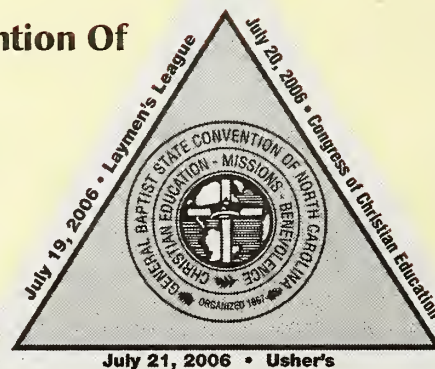
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Annual Trinity Session



July 19-21, 2006

Bear Creek Association Headquarters Building

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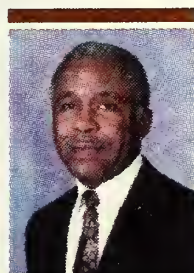
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August 2006

By Dr. Charles Bullock
President GBSC

Praise Ye The Lord



Dr. Charles
Bullock

"Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised" (Psalm 113:1-3).

This passage of scripture is appropriate to describe our praise offered to God for another successful Trinity Session composed of the Ushers, Congress of Christian Education and the Laymen League, and the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of North Carolina. We praise God for the Reverend Joe Jackson and the Best Grove Baptist Church for serving as host for the Trinity Session held at the Bear Creek Association Building in Goldsboro.

They made things pleasant and accommodating and we are grateful.

As we are aware, this is election year for all officers of the convention and most of the auxiliaries. We praise God for those of you who availed yourselves and were elected to serve during the Trinity Session. Your commitment and dedication to the task to which you have been elected will be of uttermost importance. May God's blessings be upon each of you as you serve the convention in the office for which you have been elected.

The Woman Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention held its Annual Session in Winston-Salem at The Benton Convention Center with Dr. John Mendez and the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Winston-Salem serving as host. We praise and thank God for their untiring efforts in making us welcome and seeing to it that the needs of the convention were met. The officers of this auxiliary were elected in July 2005, and we thank and praise God for their leadership and service rendered over the past year.

dered over the past year.

To all elected officers of our convention, we commend and congratulate you for accepting the call of God to use your spiritual gifts and talents to advance the work of this convention and the work of the kingdom of God "Serving The Present Age." As you provide leadership in the days to come, there are some questions we must ask ourselves as elected and appointed leaders. What are my responsibilities to God as I serve in this position? What are my responsibilities to the convention? What are my responsibilities to the auxiliary to which I have been elected? As these questions are pondered, it is important that all elected and appointed leaders support and promote the mission, ministry and purpose of our convention, and work to promote peace, unity, and cooperation among the various groups and auxiliaries of our convention.

Because of the goodness of God and our successful ministry history, we would hope that all who have been and

are still connected with General Baptist will be mindful of the legacy of our convention and will be more determined to work in unity for the up building of God's Kingdom through our convention. As stated in a previous article, "If ever there was a time in the history of our convention that we need to be united in ministry, it is now. With the many critical and varied issues facing our state, our nation, and yes our convention, we call for commitment and unity. As a physical structure requires cement to hold the earthly stones together, the cement of faith, love and loyalty to our convention and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will hold Christian fellowship and service together." May God's blessings continue to be upon each of us.

May God's blessing be upon each of you as you serve the convention in the office for which you have been elected.

Concerns from Lumber River, Saint John, and Ebenezer Associations"

By Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice President At Large

Lumberton (6-13-06), Gibson (6-14-06), and Patterson Springs (6-28-06) — In ongoing efforts to bring the concerns of pastor and churches before the Convention, Chairman Grant visited the Lumber River Association, Rev. Gregory D. Taylor, Moderator; the Saint John Association, Rev. C. R. Moody, Moderator; and the Ebenezer Association, Rev. William Thompson, Moderator. The meetings were held at the Lumber River Association Building in Lumberton, the Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Gibson, and the Ellis Chapel Baptist Church in Patterson Springs respectively. We are grateful to these moderators, association officials, pastors and ministers for their kind hospitality and warm reception.

During these visits, questions and concerns were received for follow-up

and referral to the General Board and Convention. Following is a summary of concerns/questions raised.

Lumber River

1. "Has the number of member churches increased or decreased? How many churches are in the Convention?"

Grant: In our General Board meeting on March 23, 2006, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Gray reported that there are one thousand three hundred and fifty one (1,351) pastors on the Convention mailing list and membership roster. There was no report given as to whether this number represents an increase or decrease in member pastors and churches.

2. "Small country churches are being ignored in the Convention. Spotlights

are always on the "big boys" with big churches. What can be done about this?"

Grant: One way we are addressing this concern is through the Listening Sessions currently being conducted across the state. These Sessions are putting the concerns of Associations and congregations of all sizes in the spotlight. The General Board could also adopt written guidelines on inclusion to be communicated to the Program Committee. The Program Committee is responsible for planning the agenda and program participants for all Convention functions. As indicated in a previous Listening Session report, this concern is being referred to the General Board for action.

3. "The Convention should put emphasis on witnessing/making disciples, not on fundraising."

Saint John

4. "Churches need training for Ministers of Music. The Convention should consider partnering with local associations to sponsor scholarships to Shaw for music students. Local churches could also sponsor music teachers to come to the church once or twice a week to teach students."

5. "There are churches voting on pastors each year. Is this appropriate?"

Grant: Voting on a pastor annually is not the Missionary Baptist way. Generally, in the Missionary Baptist tradition, pas-



Dr. John H.
Grant

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State Mission: Annual Session Representation



Dr. Howard
Parker, Jr.

By Dr. Howard W.
Parker, Jr.,
1st Vice President

The Trinity
Session of the
GBSC was held at
the Bear Creek
Associational
Headquarters
Building in

Goldsboro, July 19-21, 2006. Elections
for the Laymen's League, the Congress
of Christian Education and the Usher's
Convention were held during the ses-
sion. We wish to congratulate the
incoming officers of the respective bod-
ies for the work they have been doing
and for the work that they are about to
do over the next four years for Kingdom
Building.

Now the tide shifts towards the

election of the Parent Body during the
Annual Session in Winston-Salem
October 29 – November 2, 2006. In
order for the GBSC Family to vote on
November 1st, all GBSC Churches must
be registered. It is recommended that all
GBSC Churches pre-register before the
deadline date of October 16, 2006 with
the Headquarters. After that date, regis-
tration will be done on-site in Winston-
Salem. The Baptist Headquarters has

begun to distribute copies of the
Representation Form to pastors and
churches.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer,
Reverend Haywood T. Gray, desires that
all of the GBSC Family be informed that
there are eight items of information that
will enable the voting process to flow
smoothly on Election Day for all of us.

From the desk of the Second Vice-President

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II,
2nd Vice President



Dr. Nilous
Avery, II

(NIV)

The mission thrust and work of the
Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission
Convention revolves around four poles
— *Evangelism, Education, Health
Care, and Hunger Relief*:

• *Evangelism* – Preaching and
teaching toward conversion and disci-
pleship is a priority of the Lott Carey
mission thrust.

• *Education* – Investing in the aca-
demic, vocational, and theological
preparation of adults and children
results in enlightening heads and hands

as well as hearts.

• *Health Care* – Preventive, restora-
tive, and reproductive health issues are
critical aspects of mission efforts, espe-
cially in parts of the world where health
care is not accessible and/or affordable.

• *Hunger Relief* – Assisting com-
munities and families to grow crops and
animals results in improving the quality
of life for people in economic distress.

In keeping with its mission to
improve the quality of life for people,
the Lott Carey Convention has been
actively involved in addressing the
HIV/AIDS epidemic that is ravishing
many areas in the foreign mission field.
The convention has sought to bring
attention to the plight of two specific
areas: Africa and the Caribbean.

What are the critical HIV/AIDS
issues in Africa and the Caribbean?

✓ HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of
death in Africa.

✓ AIDS has killed an average of
more than 2 million African people
yearly since 2001.

✓ More than 5,500 people of sub-
Saharan Africa die of HIV/AIDS every

day (i.e. – The tragedy of 9/11 happens
every day in Africa!)

✓ About 15,000 people are infected
daily with HIV (one every eight sec-
onds).

✓ Over 3 million Africans were
newly infected with HIV/AIDS each
year since 2000.

✓ Over 29 million Africans in the
sub-Saharan region now live with HIV.

✓ Over 400,000 people are living
with HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean.

✓ Some 200,000 AIDS orphans are
living in Haiti.

The above statistics are startling and
mind-boggling. The Lott Carey min-
istry has sought to take the lead through
its HIV/AIDS initiative in confronting
this pestilence. Some of the steps that
are being taken include:

1. Connecting African, Caribbean,
and United States faith-based
HIV/AIDS initiatives.

2. Presenting HIV/AIDS informa-
tion to our children.

3. Meeting with leadership in sever-
al African countries and regions in the
Caribbean to begin development of
strategies to delay the further spread of
HIV/AIDS.

4. Providing the means for clothing,

education, food, and medicines to
orphans and widows in several areas of
Africa and the Caribbean.

Beloved, you can help by develop-
ing an HIV/AIDS ministry in your local
area of ministry, and making a contribu-
tion to Lott Carey to support this arm of
the foreign mission field. The challenge
for us is to do all we can, while we can,
whenever we can, wherever we can, for
as long as we can by investing in Lott
Carey's objective of "building a better
world through Christian missions."

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ, and the love of God, and the fel-
lowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
all." (2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV)

Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention 110th Annual Session

Theme: "Touching Lives with
Transforming Love"

The Greater Richmond Convention
Center, Richmond, Virginia
Monday, August 14 –
Friday, August 18, 2006

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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor
of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

Woman's Convention

Dr. Priscilla Brodie
President, WBH & FMC

What a time of praising the Lord Jesus Christ, fellowshiping, nurturing, evangelizing, and ministering, we experienced in Winston-Salem during the week of July 23-27, 2006! We appreciate all who shared in this 122nd Annual Session. We express our sincere appreciation.



Bronnie
Daniels

To Dr. John Mendez, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and other persons who helped to host this session, we express sincere thanks. The given progress financial report for the nine months of the 2005-2006 fiscal year showed that the amount of \$343,597.88 has been received toward the amount of \$819,055. A balance of \$475,517.55 is needed. Check/ money order for the Woman's Convention should be made payable to the Woman's

Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention and sent to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27616.

We ask that all churches send their quotas and that all Unions, Auxiliaries, Districts, send their monies to the Executive Office of the Woman's Convention by August 20, 2006. In order to help us reach the State Missions Budget section, we earnestly suggest that you please give 25% to 50% more than the suggested quota or intended gift, or at least please see to it that 2/3 of the funds which you send go to State Missions. Out of State

Bless Our God!

"O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard"

Psalm 66:8

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

-Psalm 24:1

Missions come all funds needed for conventions, Retreats, conferences, Youth Bible Camp, Leadership Training Conference, workshops, printing, staff salaries and benefits,

rental for facilities, office supplies, office equipment, office operations, postage and other unnamed essentials. Without your committed and generous giving, hardly will the Woman's Convention be able to operate and minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

FAMILY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Reverend Dr. Serenus T. Churn and Mount Zion Baptist Church, 950 File Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, will

serve as hosts to the Annual Family Mission Conference on Saturday, September 23, 2006, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Concurrent sessions are planned for Seniors, Young Adults, and Youth. A joint worship session follows the concurrent sessions. Please visit www.yahoo.com to get driving directions to the church.



Dr. Priscilla
Brodie

Families who complete the Family Study Guide during August (Family Month) and attend this conference will receive "The Family Altar" Certificate. The guides have been distributed at the Annual Session by the Christian Family Ministries Committee of the Woman's Convention.

All families across the State are invited to attend and share their sacrificial offering. The offering will be credited to the contributions of the family church to the Woman's Convention.

(CONCERNS, from page 1)

tors are elected by a church to serve an indefinite term. Instead of voting annually on the pastor, the pastoral relationship may be terminated at any time with a thirty-ninety day notice from either the church or the pastor to the other.

Ebenezer

6. "Giving to the Convention could be enhanced if the Executive Secretary-Treasurer would send biannually to each moderator a record of his/her Association's giving to the Convention."

7. "Local high school's graphic arts departments can assist with Convention printing at a fraction of the cost the Convention would otherwise pay."

8. "Visits from the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and General Board chairman, (along with numbers 6 and 7 above) will help open up and enhance avenues of revenue for the Convention."



From Ebenezer are Moderator William Thompson (back row, third from left) and other pastors/ministers.



From Lumber River are Moderator Gregory D. Taylor (seated in foreground with Chairman Grant) and other pastors/officials.



From Saint John are Moderator C.R. Moody (first from left) and other pastors/officials.



ATTENTION!!

What: 10th Annual Walter Cade, Jr. Southern Regional Workshop

Hosted By: North Carolina Baptist Convention's Laymen's League Auxiliary

Where: First Baptist Church, 101 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC

When: Friday Thru Sunday, September 15-17, 2006

For: Everyone, But Especially Black Men and Boys

Purpose:

Food	Fellowship
Spiritual Enrichment	Character Development
Evangelistic Outreach	Music
Entertainment	Workshops
Speeches	Sermons
Women's Banquet Luncheon and Fashion Show	

Fees: \$110.00 per person for Double occupancy;

\$180.00 per person for single occupancy:

- Both rates covers the total expenses for 2 nights of hotel accommodation expenses at the Clarion Hotel located on Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC
- Also covers 5 meals, including the Saturday evening banquet, registration packet, all workshops, sermons, and all other scheduled events for the exciting three-day period.

\$80.00 will cover registration and all of the above expenses except for the two nights of hotel accommodation expenses.

\$25.00 will purchase a Saturday evening banquet ticket only.

Contact: Office of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

- Make Checks Payable to: General Baptist State Convention
- Send checks as soon as possible to the contact address above
- Deadline for payment: August 18, 2006



CONTRIBUTION REPORT FORM

Walter Cade, Jr. Southern Regional Workshop

September 15-17, 2006

First Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina



This form should be used to report contributions and donations for the CADE WORKSHOP only.

DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR REGISTRATION.

Checks should be made payable to GBSC. Return form and checks to BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS.

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Banquet

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Return completed form and check to:

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Please report by Friday, August 18, 2006.

Language of Clarity in Preaching

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-Pastor of Riley Hill Baptist Church,
Wendell, NC.

The extent to which a sermon is listen-friendly is determined by the element of interest. The element of truth is not entirely sufficient to command and hold the attention of the audience. But biblical driven content must never be sacrificed for the sake of interest, and interest must never be sacrificed for the sake of content. Effective preaching seeks to achieve both because the absence of either causes "dead on arrival" (DOA) sermons. Sound homiletics recognizes biblical content as foundational for all types of sermons. There is also an acknowledgement that a

sermon which fails to interest succeeds in boredom.

The preacher has an ethical contract with God to preach biblically, but also with the audience to preach sermons that carry human interest. Sermons are not designed for God's hearing but the audience's. How shall they hear without a preacher carries profound theological overtones (Rom. 10:14)? How shall the preacher raise the audience's attention level is also a matter of theological importance? Interest is profoundly theological.

The element of interest is not accidental but an intentional act. It is a premeditative scheme on the part of the preacher. As a part of his/her homiletical arsenal, the preacher should have a plan to build interest into the sermon. Several factors contribute to the element of interest including preacher's personality, choice of words (language theory) and choice of preaching-text. The next article focuses on choice of preaching-text having human interest. For questions or comments: RHBC@Bellsouth.net or Afullwoo@Bellsouth.net



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The Ministry of the Deacon/Deaconess

In the Bible, words have meanings and the word "deacon" means servant. Here is how the word has been defined in its various forms:

"**Diakonia** is found 34 times in the NT. It means service at the table in Lk. 10:40; Acts 6:1, etc."

"**Diakanos** is found 29 times in the NT. Its primary meaning is one who serves at tables."

In Baptist churches deacons are chosen by vote of the church, often having been proposed by means of a nominating committee, or upon recommendation by the pastor.

They should represent a cross section of the membership of the church with regard to age, circumstances, and other

consideration of membership constituencies.

The primary duties of deacons should be to exercise ministry and to care for the sick and needy among the membership, and also, when appropriate, to act as counselors and assistants to the pastor.

If a church chooses to designate some as life deacon, it is wiser to make the designation honorific and not authoritative.

(The Ministry of the Deacon, Howard B. Foshee, Convention Press, 1968.)

Changing the Terminology

Some churches, in an effort to improve their church's concept of deaconship, have attempted to return to Biblical terminology and drop the language of the business world. Perhaps, they no longer refer to the deacons as a "board," but as a minister, or counselor removing the term "board".

Deaconess Ministry

The concept of the Deaconess dates as far back as in the New Testament Church and this concept had been and still is being perpetuated in our present day churches. Romans 16; 1,2 & Philippians 4:3, are familiar passages confirming the history of Deaconess, intimated by Paul in 1 Timothy 5: 9-10, and their qualifications (which resembles that of the Deacon), Acts 6: 1-6 sets forth the appointment/and their duties, and 1 Timothy 3:8-13, their qualifications.

Five "C" TO REMEMBER TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE DEACONESS

BY Dr. Maurice Riley

1. Chosen...first by God, and secondly by the pastor of the church in which you are to serve.

2. Consecrated...to be devoted to God, to dedicate for a sacred purpose, you are set aside for God's special use and ministry. "Consecrate yourselves in the Lord." (Exod. 32:39.)

3. Chaste...pure, modest, decent, free from all taint of what is lewd or immoral in body, conversation, and reputation. Teach this to the younger women. (Titus 2:5)

4. Charming...an extremely pleasing and winsome personality. To win friends, you must first show yourself friendly. Your Christian loveliness should emanate from the inside, and glow on you continence. This should continue to the extent that those to whom you witness will be so you lead them to Christ. (Proverbs. 11:30)

5. Charitable...webster describes charitable as being full of love for and goodwill towards others, merciful and kind in judging others. Be helpful toward the poor and needy like Phoebe (Rom. 16:1-2), a "Succorer" (helper) of many in need and distress.

Deacons as a Group

And let these (deacons) also **first** be proved; **then** let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. 1 Timothy 3:10

Deacon's Wives or "Deaconess"

Even so must their (deacons) wives

be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. 1 Timothy 3:11 (wives NIV, KJV, NKJV, LIV, NAS, NSV)

Each Deacon One sober Wife

Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 1 Timothy 3:12
July 1, 2006



Portia H. Brandon

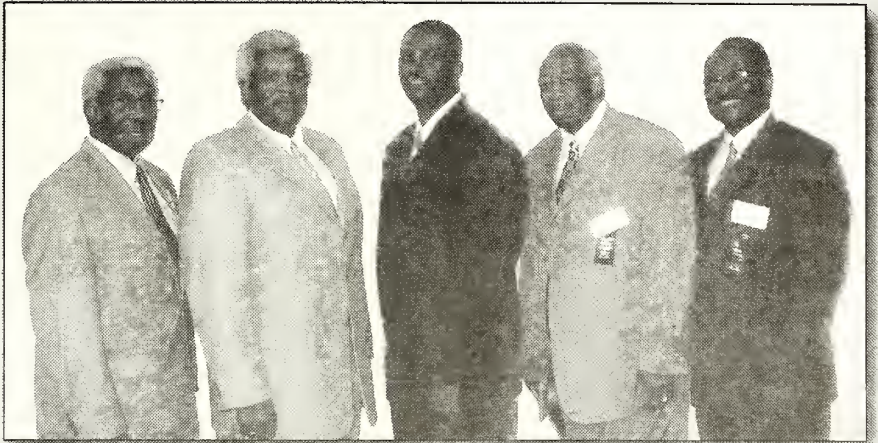
Baptist Polity

1. The Holy Bible is our rule and guide.
2. The 18 Articles of Faith support our beliefs.
3. The scriptural officers of the Baptist Church are Pastor and Deacon.
4. The Pastor is CALLED and SENT by GOD to lead your church, try to work with the Pastor.
5. The Baptist church is governed by majority vote. (The majority might not always be right but they rule).
6. No one member or group in the church is BIGGER than the church congregation.
7. We should always seek biblical assistance when church rules. A good starting point is Matthew 18.
8. General Baptist Polity is the form of government used in our Baptist Churches.



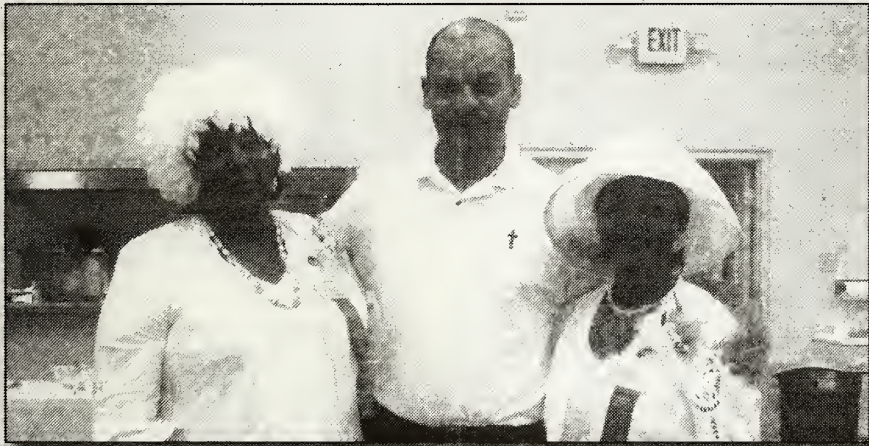
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132nd Congress of Christian Education Session Thursday, July 20, 2006



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Marvin Clowney, Viola Thornton, Helen Thompson, Charles Dunn, Valerie Singleton, Archie Lofton, Jr., Mary Bell, Nancy High, and Charlie Rhodes.

New Orleans Mayor Highlights "Macedonia Ministry" Luncheon

June 21, 2006

Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland

Mayor C. Ray Nagin of New Orleans was the Special Guest of President R. B. Holmes, Jr., and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education at a special luncheon commemorating the launching of the National Baptist Congress' Macedonia Ministry to support churches and pastors affected by Hurricane Katrina. The mayor addressed a noontime luncheon attended by Congress officary, New Orleans pastors affected by Hurricane Katrina and pastors and lay leaders from the Convention who have stepped forward to partner with churches and members. Approximately 100 persons attended

Acts 16:9

the special invitation luncheon sponsored by the American Heart Association on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at the Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel.



President R. B. Holmes, Jr., of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, presided at the luncheon. He thanked God for the pastors and leaders who have joyously responded to the "Macedonian call" scripturally based in Acts 16:9. New Orleans, stated President Holmes, "...is our twenty-first century Macedonia. We cannot be about rhetoric, we must be about action."

Dr. Linda Fortenberry, a hurricane evacuee from New Orleans and Special Assistant to the President, now residing in Tallahassee, welcomed the luncheon guests and captured the reason for the occasion. "This is very personal," she said, citing the enormous mission facing the children of God and the "personal" nature of the Macedonia Ministry to the



Dr. Charles T. Bullock, Mayor C. Ray Nagin, Mrs. Evelyn Mason, Dr. R. B. Holmes, Jr., Dr. Shirley Bullock, Mrs. Belinda Grant, and Dr. John H. Grant

churches of her beloved hometown in New Orleans.

Mayor Nagin, still buoyant from his recent re-election victory as Mayor of New Orleans, was meant by a full contingency of the Baltimore media and adoring delegates of the Congress. The thoroughfares and hotel lobby were filled with excitement as the Mayor and his consorts, including the Rev. Dr. Willie Gable of New Orleans, arrived at the hotel. "If you don't step into the breach and help us, folks are going to come back into the city

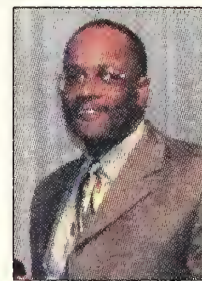
and they're not going to have the spiritual guidance that they need to be the kind of residents that we need," said Nagin. "Right now, the criminal element is starting to come back...the drug dealers are resetting the turf, and there's not enough people back yet, so there's these wars that are going on. ...And, because a lot of the old dealers are gone, they're reaching down to our young men. And it's only the church, or church folk, that can make a difference." Mayor Nagin also encouraged the pastors to "buy some dirt in New Orleans." As you're considering your spiritual work, consider a little economic work at the same time," said Nagin.

Dr. Zebadee Bridges, Sr., Pastor of the Asia Baptist Church in New Orleans, which was flooded out by Hurricane Katrina, gave heart felt expressions on the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the city, the church, and him personally. "I lost my church. I lost my house. But what hurt the most, was I lost my

health", stated Bridges, who is also the President of the First District Missionary Baptist Association in New Orleans. He said church attendance has fallen from more than 1,000 to about 150. "When you have a church and you don't have a membership, you don't have a church," his voice breaking. We have gone through so much it's hard to try to explain what we have lost." Dr. Bridges thanked President Holmes for his passion and compassion in trying to help the churches in New Orleans.

Dr. J. Michael Sanders Pledged \$1 Million dollars for fountain

Pastor J. Michael Sanders of the Fountain Missionary Baptist Church in Summit, New Jersey, was introduced by President Holmes. The New Jersey church recently pledged \$1 Million to help those displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Pastor J. Michael Sanders, who is also president of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, urged his cohorts to do what they can for the region. "Our brothers and sisters are truly in need," said Dr. Sanders. Additionally, President Holmes recognized, Dr. Leo Cyrus, Dr. Charles Smith, and Dr. Jesse Bilberry, Pastors and leaders in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for their outstanding



support of evacuees from New Orleans.

President Holmes announced the next phase of this Macedonia Ministry. He and the Mayor of New Orleans will be hosting a National Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, in New Orleans. This date will mark the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. President Holmes envisions that National Baptists from around America will join with him and President Shaw in "walking and praying with our brothers and sisters in New Orleans." President Holmes is asking for forty pastors to partner with forty churches for three years as they rebuild their churches and lives.

Other Proposed Activities to Accomplish Objectives Include:

1. Organize a **Football Family Classic** between two Historically black colleges and Universities (HBCU'S), with proceeds allocated to the support and rebuilding of churches in New Orleans, Louisiana;



2. Organize a **Football Family Classic** between two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU'S), with proceeds allocated to the support and rebuilding of churches in the Gulf Coast region.

3. To organize a **National Baptist Spiritual Crusade** for prayer and fellowship;

4. To develop a meaningful partnership with the corporate community in support of the Macedonia Ministry by hosting a **Corporate Benevolent Breakfast** during the Congress and/or Convention;

5. To develop a specific **Plan of Action** to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU'S), affected by Hurricane Katrina;

6. Develop a strategy with the **Bush/Clinton Katrina Relief Fund** designated to help rebuild churches in the area;

7. Develop a National Baptist Congress Task Force to study the possibility of developing a **National Baptist Charter School** in the area.

2006 James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest

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Jelaina Rainey

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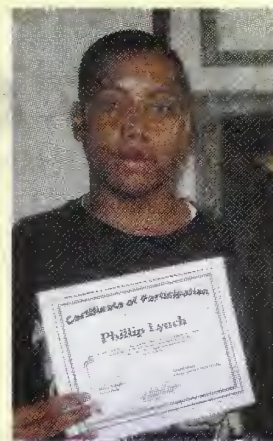
Tabitha Evans

210 Ebon Road
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Association: New Hope
Moderator: Rev. Dr. Lafayette Maxwell



FIRST PLACE

Phillip Lynch



3478 James Dail Road
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Association: Western Union
Moderator: Rev. Marvin Clowney
Church: Elizabeth Missionary

Pastor Rev. Robert Jones, Jr.

SECOND PLACE

Jessica Watson



146 Glovers Cross Road
Colerain, NC 27934
Association: West Roanoke
Moderator: Rev. Ralph White
Church: Piney Wood Chapel
Pastor: Dr.

Matthew Silver

THIRD PLACE

Kenya Daniels



2916 Hwy 903
Stokes, NC 27884
Association: Old Eastern
Moderator: Rev. A. C. Batchelor
Church: St. Peter

Pastor: Rev. Daniel House

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FIRST PLACE

Melia Burris

1909 Garland Avenue
Gastonia, NC 28052
Association: Gaston County
Moderator: Dr. Darial Jackson
Church: Mt Calvary



Pastor: Rev. James Burris

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Todd Christopher Valentine

225 Overton Drive
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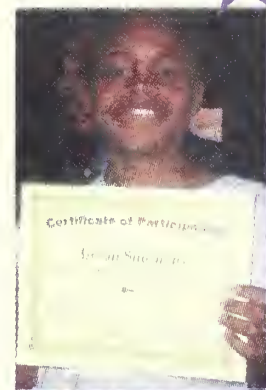
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Bryan Simmons

438 Sellers Road, NW
Supply, NC 28462
Association: Brunswick-Waccamaw
Moderator: Dr. Henry Jones
Church: Big Macedonia

Pastor: Rev. Leo Stevenson



Olive Grove's Youth Action Team Wins PMTF Challenge

Dr. Anita Holmes,
Executive Director
By Toshia Davis Jordan

Youth at Olive Grove Baptist Church in Littleton, NC participated in the Picture Me Tobacco Free Photovoice Project (PMTF). The pastor of Olive Grove Baptist Church is the Reverend Charles Walton, who is also the Moderator of the United Shiloh Association. The PMTF project is a youth tobacco prevention project sponsored by the Center for Health and Healing and funded by the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund. In the third wave of the project, church youth groups in Warren and Vance Counties took pictures that displayed the influence of tobacco use on the youth in their community. The youth groups then used the pictures in exhibits and presentations to educate their church and community on the harmful effects of tobacco use.



Dr. Anita
Holmes

As part of the project, the youth teams were challenged to get the word out about the harmful effects of tobacco use and secondhand smoke and promote positive change around the issues. The youth teams did a great job hosting exhibits, youth activities, and presentations. Additionally, four out of six youth



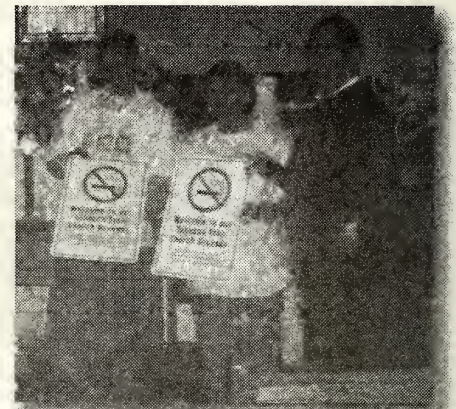
action teams were able to encourage their churches to go tobacco free. Teams placed articles in their local newspapers about their efforts.

The PMTF project was a success in this area and all the teams did a great job. However, the youth action team at

Olive Grove Baptist Church was able to carryout numerous activities that took them "over the edge", allowing them to win the challenge.

One of the activities that the Olive Grove Baptist Church youth action team was very successful at achieving was encouraging their church to go tobacco free. During one of their sessions, youth team members wrote letters to their pastor stating their concerns about secondhand smoke and their desire to have Tobacco Free Church Grounds. Meanwhile, exhibits were displayed and presentations were given on the hazards of being exposed to secondhand smoke. The pastor presented the information and concerns to the deacon board and during church conference a vote was passed to make their church grounds tobacco free. Once the vote was passed, Olive Grove Baptist Church received Tobacco Free Church Grounds Signs from the Center for Health and

Healing. These were posted on the church grounds. Members are pleased with the new change and support it fully. The youth action team at Olive Grove



has truly made a positive impact at their church. And, the positive effects will continue even after the project has been completed!

If you are interested in doing a similar tobacco free church grounds effort like Olive Grove Baptist, contact Toshia Davis Jordan at 919-572-6374 ext. 2 or toshia.davis@c4hh.org and make a lasting change at your church that protects the health of your youth and other congregation members.

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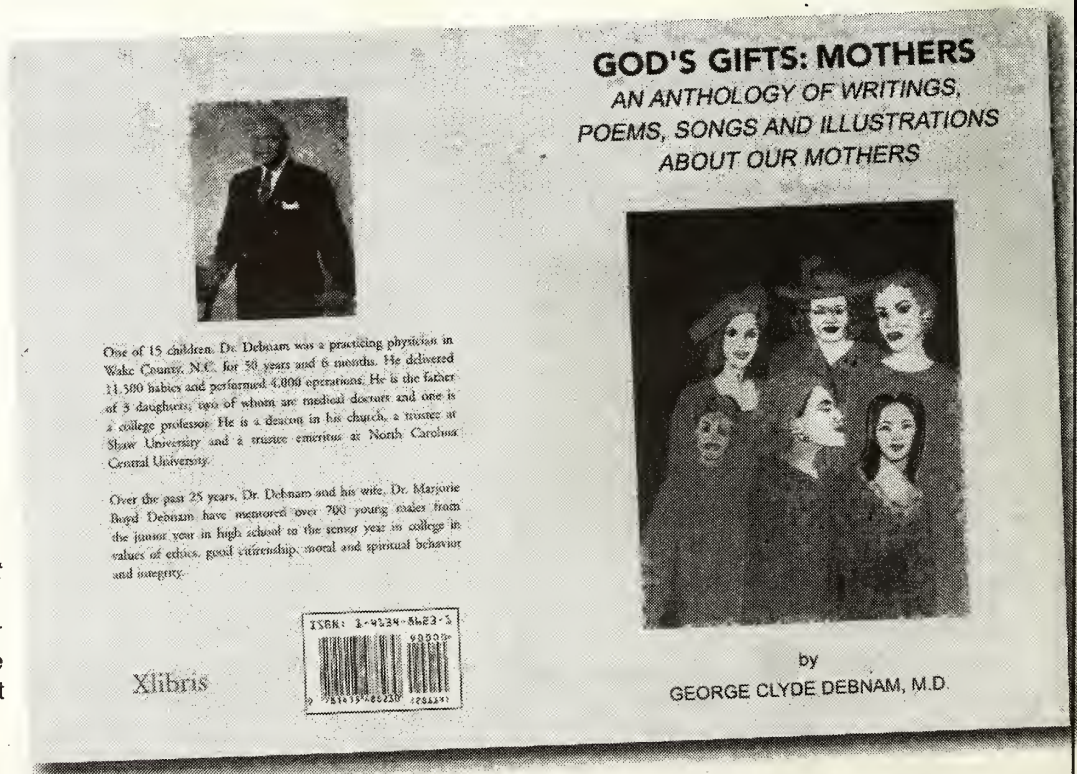
About the Author:

One of 15 children, Dr. Debnam was practicing physician in Wake County, NC for 50 years and 6 months. He delivered 11,500 babies and performed 4,000 operations. He is the father of 3 daughters, two of whom are medical doctors and one is a college professor. He is a deacon in his church, a trustee at Shaw University and a trustee emeritus at North Carolina Central University.

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For **Assistant Recording Secretary** for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He is the pastor of the Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, NC. In less than two years of pastoring this great church, with the help of the Holy Spirit the membership has grown over 25% and currently near completion of a new 500 seat sanctuary. Rev Camps recently retired from the US Army in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after over 22 years of service. He answered the call to preach the gospel under the leadership of Rev. Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr. and was license from the Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, NC. He was ordained by the Union Association. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Bowie State University, Bowie, MD and his Masters of Science from George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. Rev Camps is married and the father of three children. I look forward to working closer with the convention.

Because of Calvary
Reverend David C. Camps, Sr

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

July 5, 2006

To the General Baptist State Convention Family:

Peace and grace be unto you from God, Our Father; God, the Son; and God, the Holy Ghost. I D.K. Ferguson humbly submit my name as a candidate for the position of Statistician of the General Baptist State Convention of NC. Inc.

I have served as a Pastor for some 14 years and have been in ministry for 23 years, presenting serving the Shiloh Church in Wilmington, NC. I am also a graduate of Shaw University.

My experience covers the following areas: Chairperson of the Presbytery Board of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, a member of the North Carolina Gospel Announcers Guild auxiliary to the Gospel Music Workshop of America, a member of the Board of Directors, East Coast Solutions, Inc. Wilmington, NC, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Program E.A.S.Y. (Educational Alternatives for Suspended Youth) Wilmington, NC, Chairperson of the Nominating committee, Good Shepard Ministries, Wilmington, NC, Co-chair of the Ministerial Roundtable of Wilmington, NC, Co-founder of Student Life Ministries, Inc., Past Vice-Basilues of the Beta Nu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Selected as an Outstanding Young Men of America for 1998 by the Outstanding Young Americans organization., selected for the 2005-2006 edition of The Heritage Registry of Who's Who of Americas Professionals.

I feel that my years of growing up in this organization give me the knowledge to help with the future development of our convention.

Thank you for your consideration.
In the name of Christ,
D. K. Ferguson, *Pastor/ Teacher*



Dr. Martine J. Spencer

Dr. Martine J. Spencer announces her candidacy for the Office of President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.—elections to be held during the 139th Annual Session, October 30-November 2, 2006 in Winston-Salem.

Purpose: To advance unity among Baptist Churches, ministerial leaders of the State of North Carolina and its communities. To address the adversities within our communities through the ministry in order to provide lasting and effective results that are critical to the welfare of all people.

Dr. Spencer is the founder and pastor (15-year tenure) of Jonesville Missionary Baptist Church in Fairmont, NC, and founder of Spencer Chapel Baptist Church in Fairmont. She is the current president of the Lumber River Baptist Association Minister Board (LRBA) which had its beginning in 1877 and consists of 40 churches; LBRA Shaw Day (Shaw Divinity School) Committee; Executive Board member, Lumber River Housing Authority; and Executive Board member of the African American Cultural Center in Lumberton. She has also served as Vice President of the LRBA Ministerial Board and member of GBSC's Rural Church Committee.

Dr. Spencer accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age. She was licensed and ordained under Dr. J. J. Johnson and the Lumber River Baptist Association, and was the first woman to pastor a church in the Association.

She received her Practice Nursing License degree in Newark, NJ, and is a member of the NC Board of Nursing, Raleigh, NC. She received a Doctor of Divinity degree at Tri-County Bible College and Seminary, Maxton, NC. Additional studies include Essex County College, Newark, NJ; Hemodialysis Specialist, Roberson Community College, Lumberton; UNC Pembroke; Duke University; UNC; and Hampton University, Hampton, VA.

Dr. Spencer has received numerous awards. Among which are: Leadership Recognition by the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary; Community Leadership from the Robeson County Black Caucus; Yoke Fellow Prison Ministry awarded by Governor James Hunt, Jr.; Appreciation of Service in the area of Religion, from the Lumberton Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.;

She is married to Deacon Jimmy Spencer and is the mother of six children, four of whom are licensed ministers.

Dr. Spencer believes she has the vision, experience, commitment and training necessary to lead GBSC into the kind of unity and effective ministry needed in the 21st century Church—her leadership will bel to the glory of God.

VOTE FOR REV. LARRY ALLEN

STATISTICIAN

Senior Pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Canton, NC



STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT:

I, Reverend Larry S. Allen, solicit your vote for the position of Statistician of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. If elected, I pledge to support the vision and platform of the President. Furthermore, I pledge to uphold the responsibilities of the Statistician as mandated by the Constitution of this body to report the statistics of the work of the convention.

PROFILE:

- Native of Asheville, NC & 9th of nine children.
- Married for 12 years.
- Attended Asheville City Schools.
- Received BBA in Accounting and B. Ministry
- 1984 Recipient of the James L. White Scholarship awarded by the NC High School Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, Inc.
- Eighteen plus years as a professional Accountant having been employed with KPMG, Inc., Saatchi & Saatchi Holdings, USA, Young & Rubicam, Inc, R. H. Macy & Company, Inc.
- 10/1988 - Accepted the call to the Gospel Ministry at the Saint John's Missionary Baptist Church, New York, NY.
- 10/1993 - Ordained to the Gospel Ministry at the First Ebenezer Baptist Church, New York, NY.
- 8/2000 - Elected Senior Pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Canton, NC.
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October 30 - Nov 2, 2006

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REPRESENTATION FORM

2006 ANNUAL SESSION

October 29 - November 2, 2006

Benton Convention Center - Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Date: _____

Church Membership:

Name of Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

SECTION A: FEES

Representation (Based on size of Congregation) _____

State Missions (Make a contribution of your choice) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

SECTION B: VOTING MESSENGERS

NAME ADDRESS OF MESSENGER

1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	_____
5	_____
6	_____
7	_____
8	_____

SECTION C: ALTERNATE VOTING MESSENGERS

NAME ADDRESS OF MESSENGER

1	_____
2	_____
3	_____

Pastor's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Clerk's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Annual Session Representation DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION: October 16

1. You may register on-site for this session. However, **Churches are encouraged to pre-register** by mailing this form and applicable fees to Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2338. The deadline for pre-registration is October 16. Any forms received after this date will be processed on-site. **Checks should be made payable to GBSC.**

2. The following chart outlines the Constitutional requirements for representation. Please see this chart to determine the amount you must pay to represent and the number of messengers that your church is entitled to send to this session. You may send fewer messengers than indicated for a Church of your size, but you may not send more messengers than indicated.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	AMOUNT TO REPRESENT	NUMBER OF MESSENGERS
1 - 50 Members	\$20.00	2 Messengers
51 - 100 Members	\$35.00	3 Messengers
101 - 250 Members	\$50.00	4 Messengers
251 - 500 Members	\$75.00	5 Messengers
501 - 750 Members	\$100.00	6 Messengers
751 - 1000 Members	\$125.00	7 Messengers
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3. This form must be signed by the Pastor and the Church Clerk. If your church currently does not have a Pastor, the signature of a Church officer will suffice. **If you plan to register on-site, please remember that this form must be signed by the pastor and clerk before presenting the form for on-site registration.**

4. You must give the name and address of each **voting messenger** being sent from your church. You are only entitled to send the number of messengers for the size of your membership. Persons listed on this form as voting messengers (or alternates) do not have to pay an individual registration fee at this session. In order to receive a ballot, **each voting messenger will have to present a photo ID.**

5. You may name up to three **alternate messengers** in the event that a messenger may not be able to attend. Changes to voting messengers or alternate messengers may be made in writing to the Baptist Headquarters up to the October 16 deadline. After that time, any changes will have to be made on-site by appealing to the Registration Committee.

6. Pre-registration forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fees. Forms submitted without the proper fees will be returned to the Churches. Churches whose forms are returned for non-payment of fees will need to return the forms with the proper fees before the October 16 deadline or register on-site. **Be sure to fill in the box showing "Church Membership" on the form with the numbers of members in your Church.**

7. The representation fee is required in order to receive voting badges. Each Church is also asked to send a contribution (any amount of your choice) for State Missions along with the Representation Fee. **So long as you pay the Registration Fee, you may enroll voting messengers whether or not you make a contribution for State Missions.**

8. No lost voting badges will be re-issued. Badges will **ONLY** be issued to the individual person(s) registered from each Church.

Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina is currently seeking a Senior pastor, spiritual leader, counselor and administrator. **All interested persons should submit a letter of interest and resume not later than September 30, 2006.**

The successful candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- Must be born-again, spirit filled, divinely called minister with strong family and community values.
- Must possess the willingness to follow the By-laws governing the church.
- Must have a knowledge of Baptist doctrines, church policies and procedures and be willing to follow such.
- Must be a licensed, ordained Baptist minister.
- Must have significant experience as a Senior Pastor.
- Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Religion, Theology, or Divinity from an accredited college, university or divinity school.
- Must be willing to work with all age groups with particular interest in spiritual growth and development of our youth.
- Must be able to develop and share a vision for the future growth and development for the church.
- Must visit and commune with sick, shut-in and bereaved families.

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- Proof of completion of ALL accredited theological training
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If you feel God is leading you to this call, please submit your resume to:

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

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Attention: Deacon Tyrone Richardson

Pastoral Search Committee

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- Have Youth Ministry experience
- Be able to teach and preach God's Word
- Have a vision for the growth of the Church
- Have strong leadership qualities
- Be a good role model of moral and ethical conduct
- Visit sick and shut-in whenever possible
- Be community-oriented
- Provide a resume
- Provide copies of religious credentials (licenses ordination)
- Consent to a background check
- Provide at least three references

Deadline date for resume will be August 28, 2006

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By Dr. Charles Bullock
President GBSC

Looking To The Future



Dr. Charles
Bullock

The real meaning of life depends upon the outlook we have on it. It is a matter of proper focus. This focus in life has to do with three areas of experience – the past, the present, and the future. There is a statue in a certain town, the base of which is a triangular stone, and on the three sides are inscribed these words: “To the past, Mindful; to the present, Faithful; and to the future, Hopeful.” These express the proper relationship.

“To the past, Mindful.” If we would live well in the present we cannot ignore the past. Being mindful of it helps guide our way in the present. Without memory of the past our lives would be empty and bleak. Without memory we forget our heritage; we forget our blessings that we experience. To lose sight of the past the busi-

nessperson would fail, love would grow cold, and life would be barren.

“To the present, Faithful.” To be faithful to the present is to do the best we can with what we have. It is to follow the light we now have, to do the duty nearest us as we see it. It is “to serve the present age, our calling to fulfill.” All that God expects of us is to be faithful to the truth, as we understand it, to give the best that we have to the highest that we know.

“To the future, Hopeful.” Hope is a necessity in life. We cannot live well and be faithful to the present unless we have hope for the future. When we take hope away, we destroy a chance for a future. We cannot separate ourselves from the past, the future, or the present. The life we live today is related to that of yesterday and determines that of tomorrow.

Today we are “Looking to The Future.” It centers on the third inscription at the base of the statue: “To the future, Hopeful.”

*“To the past,
Mindful.”*

*To the present,
Faithful.”*

*To the future,
Hopeful.”*

Hope is a friend. It is our hope of new health that keeps us going when we or a loved one is sick. It is hope of return that holds us steady when we travel or send our loved ones to far-off places. It is hope for a job when unemployed that helps us stay strong and keep our sanity. It is hope for better days that sustains us when we are caught in

low moods. It is hope of immortality that comforts us in sorrow. It was Bishop Watson who said, “Hope is like the cork to the net, which keeps the soul from sinking in despair...”

The Christian faith is one of hope. Paul says “We are saved by hope.” He looked at life first with a view of realism and even skepticism. He had to be

shown. Yet, he wrote in his letter to the Romans, “We are saved by hope.” The Christian faith is one of hope that tells us that no matter how complex the problems, with God there is always a way out. It tells us that God always has the last word in life. Paul writes, “Tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope” (Rom. 5:3, 4). It took tribulation to teach Paul patience which eventually led to hope.

When character has been achieved, there has been patience; and when patience has ripened into character, hope followed.

As my tenure as president of our convention nears closure, I must say that there have been some challenges along the way, but faith and hope have been and remain strong. There have been times when the three attributes that Paul emphasized as he closed I Corinthians 13 – faith, hope and love – were needed and evident. God has been and is faithful. Therefore in our daily lives as well as our convention ministry, we look to the future hopeful. Praise be to God.

By Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice President At Large

Sharp Increase In Confidence

Creedmoor (7-5-06), Burgaw (7-7-06), Dublin (7-7-06), and Sherrills Ford (8-5-06) – In ongoing efforts to bring the concerns of pastors and churches before the Convention, voices were heard from the East Cedar Grove Association, Rev. Langston Logan, Moderator; the Middle District Congress, Mrs. Lula Gainey, President; the Hammond Creek Association, Rev. Charles R. Parker, Moderator; and the Mountain and Catawba Association, Rev. Sterling Howard, Moderator. Associational meetings took place at the East Cedar Grove Association Building in Creedmoor, the Middle District Association Building in Burgaw, the First Baptist Church in Dublin, and the Mountain and Catawba Association Building in Sherrills Ford respectively. Thanks to the moderators, association officials, pastors and ministers for their

kind hospitality and warm reception.

During these visits, good news was reported concerning the fiscal and organizational renaissance currently being

September 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Haywood Gray reported the following:

“An analysis of giving designated



From Hammond Creek are Vice Moderator Clarity (third from left), Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Trumilla McDowell (fifth from left), and other officials.

experienced by the General Baptist State Convention of NC. In a recent report to the General Board on the period

for the objectives (both Unified and Designated) shows a sharp increase in confidence by the General

Baptist family. There has been a very dramatic increase in giving to the objectives through the Baptist Headquarters.”

Feedback from officials at the above named associations corroborates what Executive-Secretary Gray refers to as “a sharp increase in confidence” occurring throughout the General Baptist family.

For this reporting period, one concern was received from an official at the East Cedar Grove Association about confusion and disorganization at the June 28, 2006 James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest, which met on a local university campus. In addition to being reported to the General Board, this concern has been referred to appropriate staff at headquarters for follow-up.



Dr. John H.
Grant

(CONFIDENCE, cont. page 3)

State Mission: Report of the Audit Bids



By Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.,
1st Vice President

Dr. Howard
Parker, Jr.

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch, Third Vice President of the GBSC often reminds us that in all of our getting, get an understanding.

Recently, while on the campaign trail, I heard statements regarding the Convention's finances and even suggestions that the Convention has not been

giving clear and total information from the last few years. Those who serve on the General Board should know better. At present, the audit is under way and the Convention has the money to pay for the audit; however, the Convention over the last few years has not had the funds to pay for an outside audit.

In a document dated May 9, 2006, our Executive Secretary-Treasurer informed us that eleven certified public accounting firms were invited to bid to provide auditing services for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Each firm was pro-

vided an identical packet of information regarding the finances of the Convention and the scope of the audit/accounting services required. Each firm was asked to bid on three audit years: FY 2003-04, FY 2004-05, and the current fiscal year 2005-06. Of the eleven firms invited, five returned bids.

The bids were opened on April 11, 2006 at the Baptist Headquarters. The Management Committee was invited to be present for the bids opening. Present for the opening were Dr. C.R. Edwards, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, EST Haywood

T. Gray, Rev. Selma Hunter and Mrs. Vernita Slade.

The EST recommended awarding the FY 2005-06 audit to McMillan, Pate and Co. and was awaiting the Board's pleasure regarding the FY 2003-04 and FY 2004-05 audit.

Much of our work, in past years, was done by hand and to go back to retrieve that information has had to be done by hand. The audit is underway and hopefully, all questions pertaining to the fore mentioned years can and will be answered, thereby giving us a clear understanding to move forward. ■

From the desk of the Second Vice-President

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II,
2nd Vice President



Dr. Nilous
Avery, II

"To all in [the General Baptist family] who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:7-8, NIV).

The story is told about a man who was walking down the street and pulling a chain behind him. Several individuals asked him why he was pulling the chain. He replied which an interesting question of his own: "Did

you ever try to push one?" The idea of pushers and pullers has existed through the ages.

In Jesus' day, the Caesars, the centurions, and the religious leaders symbolized pushers who sought to destroy Jesus and push people against their will. When pushers spoke, people were expected to jump in submissive and oppressive obedience.

Jesus provided an insightful directive to the twelve original disciples in Matthew 20:25-26 (NIV): "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to be

great among you must be your servant."

Walter Rauschenbusch (The Social Principles of Jesus) suggests that Jesus chose the kind of people he did to follow Him because Jesus wanted to influence the world

with a new kind of leadership --- one that would serve and not exploit. Jesus sought people who would not be spoiled by success

and poisoned by the possession of power. The search continues today!

According to Clarence Cranford (Taught by the Master), Jesus' idea of leadership clashed with the popular thought of that day. Many thought of leadership as climbing on top of people to gain position and power. Jesus' idea of leadership emphasized getting underneath people and their problems, and trying to lift them to a new life, a new hope, a new purpose, and a new fulfillment.

**"To the only wise God be
glory forever through
Jesus Christ! Amen."**

(Romans 16: 27, NIV)

Jesus is our exemplary model: "...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28, NIV). Therefore, we must be servants of Christ in our homes, churches, to our communities, and the world. We have been saved in order to serve. We must serve with compassion, not confusion. We are equipped, enabled, empowered, and endowed by the Holy Spirit to be:

- Pullers, not pushers,
- Lifters, not oppressors,
- Persuaders, not dictators,
- Missionaries, not "messy-naries!"

One way we can live out our call to be pullers and not pushers is through our support of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. Numerous initiatives are provided through this arm of the foreign mission field. These initiatives provide opportunities for individuals, local churches, associations, unions, and others to invest in Lott Carey's objective of "building a better world through Christian missions." ■

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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

Dr. Priscilla Brodie
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Have Faith In God

Workshops, printing, staff salaries and benefits, rental for facilities, office supplies, office equipment, office operations, postage and other unnamed essentials. Without your commitment the Woman's

Yes, we need to be His disciples who stand and have faith in God. Yes, we need to stand in faith and "Wait On The Lord" (Jesus); yes, we need to stand in faith and "cast all ...cares and burdens upon Him"; yes, we need to stand in faith that "He provides for His own"; Yes, we need to stand in faith that "He cannot fail, He must provide" and enable us to implement His Cause as we serve humanity.

President Bronnie H. Daniels recommends the use of the term- Stand in all her tenure's themes.

Thus for a part of this missionary and fiscal year, we shall use the theme, "Serve The Present Age: Stand In Faith", Scripture References: 1 Corinthians 16:14 and Philippians 1:27.

As we utilize and live out this theme, we shall see the necessity for

Standing in Faith in Jesus Christ. We shall notice that there are several occasions where Jesus admonished His disciples to have faith. We pray that God will use this year's preaching, teaching, and aiding to assist churches to stand in faith in Christ and move on to higher heights and possible new frontiers while serving people through missions. May we see and comprehend the message on faith in God as shown in the given hymn lyrics.

Reminders

National Convention, USA, Inc. - During the week of September 4-8, 2006, will be the 126th Annual Session in Dallas, Texas.

Family Missions Conference - Reverend Dr. S.T. Churn and Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 950 File Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 will serve as hosts to the Annual Family Mission Conference on Saturday, September 23, 2006 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Concurrent sessions are planned for Seniors, Young Adults, and Youth. A joint workshop session follows the concurrent sessions.

Families who complete the **Family Study Guide** during August (Family Month) and attend this Conference will

receive "the Family Altar" Certificate.

All families across the State are invited to attend and share their sacrificial offering. The offering will be credited to the contributions of the family church to the Woman's Convention. (Please visit www.yahoo.com for driving directions).

The Youth Evangelism Conference - may be hosted by the Alamance County Missionary Union. The Conference starts at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 4, 2006.

The new fiscal year begins this month and ends in August 2007. The proposed budget this year will be \$819,055, which will be distributed among the objectives. Checks and money orders should be made payable and sent to the Woman's Baptist

State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home And Foreign Missionary Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. In order to help us reach the State Missions Budget section, we earnestly suggest that you please give 25% to 50% more than the suggested quota or intended gift, or at least please see to it that 2/3 of the funds which you send go to State Mission. Out of State Missions come all funds needed for Conventions, Retreats, Conferences, Youth Bible Camp, Leadership Training Conference,

Convention will not be able to operate and minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

As we focus on standing in faith, let us remember that sacrificial giving is needed.

"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:2

LET US STAND IN FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST!

(CONFIDENCE, from page 1)



From Middle District are Congress President Lula Gainey (second from right), former Congress President Elizabeth Young (back row, first from left) and other officials.



From Mountain and Catawba are Moderator and Mrs. Sterling Howard (seated from row) along with Chairman and Mrs. Grant.



From East Cedar Grove are Moderator Langston Logan (center behind podium) and other officials.

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TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS THE CHRIST, WHO IS THE HEAD OF MY LIFE.

TO OUR PRESIDENT DR. CHARLES T. BULLOCK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HAYWOOD GRAY, AND TO MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST.

THANKS TO THE LAYMEN, DR. JOHN D. FULLER AND THE LEWIS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY FOR BEING EXTREMELY KIND TO ME.

I KNOW THAT JESUS IS A HEALER, HE HEALED ME.

I CAN TRULY SAY, MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS THAN JESUS BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. I DARE NOT TRUST THE SWEETEST FRAME, BUT WHOLLY LEAN ON JESUS NAME. ON CHRIST, THE SOLID ROCK, I STAND-ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND.

LET THE NEXT LEADERS OF GBSC LAYMEN KNOW THAT AS THEY GO FORWARD THERE WILL BE A LITTLE PUSH FROM ME, TELLING THEM TO GO JUST A LITTLE HIGHER.

**FORMER LAYMEN'S LEAGUE PRESIDENT
JOHN GLADDEN**



ATTENTION!!

What: 10th Annual Walter Cade, Jr. Southern Regional Workshop

Hosted By: North Carolina Baptist Convention's Laymen's League Auxiliary

Where: First Baptist Church, 101 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC

When: Friday Thru Sunday, September 15-17, 2006

For: Everyone, But Especially Black Men and Boys

Purpose:

Food	Fellowship
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Speeches	Sermons
Women's Banquet Luncheon and Fashion Show	

Fees: \$110.00 per person for Double occupancy;

\$180.00 per person for single occupancy:

- Both rates covers the total expenses for 2 nights of hotel accommodation expenses at the Clarion Hotel located on Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC
- Also covers 5 meals, including the Saturday evening banquet, registration packet, all workshops, sermons, and all other scheduled events for the exciting three-day period.

\$80.00 will cover registration and all of the above expenses except for the two nights of hotel accommodation expenses.

\$25.00 will purchase a Saturday evening banquet ticket only.

Contact: Office of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

- **Make Checks Payable to:** General Baptist State Convention
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What is State Missions anyway?

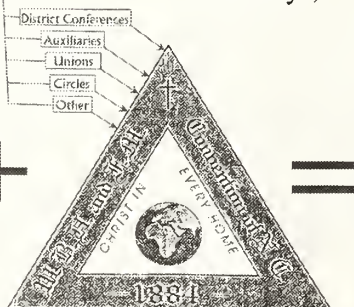
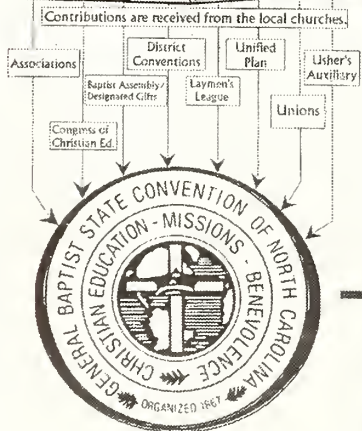
Excellent question! Think of State Missions as the gas that runs the car. Without gasoline (and without State Missions), the car won't run (and the Convention cannot operate). Our State Missions expenses fall into two categories: OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING.

OPERATIONS include:
Parent Body and Auxiliary Officers
Honorary and Expenses, Staff
Salaries and Benefit,
Attorneys, Accountants

and Consultants Fees, Computer Maintenance, Office Supplies, Office Machines, Postage and Shipping, Property, Workers Comp, and General Liability Insurance, Printing of books, brochures, newspaper, announcements, programs, and flyers; Expenses to operate the Baptist Headquarters including gas, water, electricity, telephones, janitorial, trash disposal, security, and upkeep; Expenses to operate the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill including gas, electricity, telephones, custodial services, lawn upkeep and grass cutting, heating & air conditioning maintenance, plumbing, upkeep of swimming pool, and certified

pool operators and life guards. Expenses for each Session of the Parent Body and Auxiliaries which includes: Rental of facilities like convention centers, printing of materials for Sessions, preparation of registration kits and badges, staff travel to make arrangement for host pastors and host Churches, lodging for staff and special guests. Banquet costs including food, rental of space, service fees, mailings, publicity and advertising, awards and plaques.

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Minister of Music

Rethinking Christian Education
Presenter: Mrs. Portia Brandon

Christian Education addresses the whole human being. Christian Education involves body, spirit and mind. It involves not only the whole person, but also all of God's creation as it moves people to learn how to relate to God,

neighbor and all of God's creation. Specifically, in the local church Christian Education includes every activity, which attempts to spiritually uplift the members of the congregation.

Q: Where can I get information about the role of Church Leaders, including Trustees, Deacons, Ushers, Treasurers, Secretaries, etc.?

A: The Hiscox Guide for Baptist Churches will have some resources. As well, "The Busy Pastors Guide" printed by the Sunday School Publishing Board will be helpful (of course the BIBLE is an assumed resource). You may contact the SSPB directly concerning your specific book request and those mentioned above:

Sunday School Publishing Board
330 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, TN 37201-1188
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Fax: 615 242-4929
Email: sspbcustomer@bell-south.net
Website: www.sspbnbc.com

Q: What guidance does the Convention give for establishing the constitution and by-laws for a new Baptist church?

A: There is no standard copy of Constitution/by-laws available through the Convention because each Baptist Church is independent and therefore drafts such according to their own needs.

However, most Baptist Churches that draft a Constitution/By-laws use Hiscox's books on church polity and practices.

It may also be helpful for you to know that many Baptist Constitution/Bylaws contain the following basic elements:

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

NAME OBJECTIVES

STATEMENT OF BASIC BELIEFS

CHURCH COVENANT

POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

AMENDMENTS

BYLAWS

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES ALONG WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

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CHURCH ORDINANCES: BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER

SPECIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

QUORUM

PARLIAMENTARY RULES STATEMENT

CHURCH OPERATION MANUAL OUTLINING ADOPTED CHURCH POLICIES

AMENDMENTS

New Member Ministries

Q: Where can I find resources for new member ministries?

A: A few good resources to consider include:

1. "New Member Training" by Reverend Charles Powell
2. "Huntley's Manual for Every Baptist" by Thomas Elliott Huntley.

Both of these books are published by the National Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board.

3. "A New Baptist Church Manual" published by Judson Press.

Q: What is the BTU?

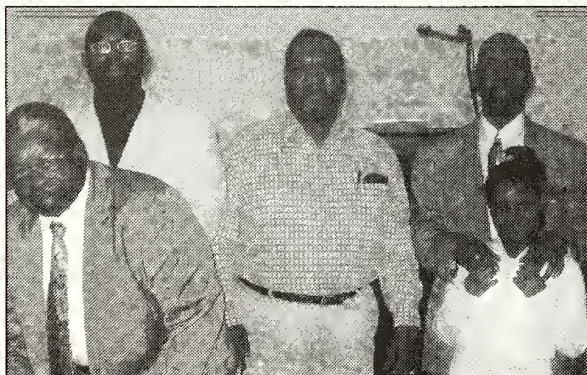
A: Baptist Training Union has been a part of the Baptist Church since its early beginnings. It was a part of Christian education designed to instruct all church members in basic bible beliefs, Baptist doctrine, church membership, discipline, policy and procedures. It was traditionally held in most Baptist Churches on Sunday evenings, prior to evening worship. It began as a training ground for young people. Consequently, the predecessor of Baptist Training Union was the Baptist Young People's Union (BYPU).

For more information and resources about BTU, visit the Sunday School Publishing Board website at: www.sspbnbc.com

Pulpit Search Committee Guidance

Q: Can you help me identify guidelines for the Pulpit Search Committee?

A. A great resource, Church Staffing Essentials, is available that you can download for \$14.95 from BuildingChurchLeaders.com



To my beloved General Baptist Family

I greet you in the marvelous name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ.

We are in a season of election, as you are well aware. Three of our auxiliaries held elections in Goldsboro in July and we are now moving swiftly toward parent body elections on



Gregory K. Moss, Sr.

November 1st. You have the opportunity to select one from among four candidates who will cast vision and provide leadership for the next four years.

It is no small task. Therefore, before entering the race for the presidency, I spent a considerable amount of time reflecting upon our position and direction as General Baptist. Over the last weeks, I have posed questions to a cross

section of General Baptist across the state; from youth, to women, to laymen, to pastors, to moderators, as well as to past and present officers of each auxiliary. I learned a great love still exist for the causes and work of our convention. However, I also learned our people want strong leadership, a clear direction for our work, more cooperation and support between our Baptist family and they expect a high level of accountability and integrity. People tire easily of negativity, and are hungry for positive, progressive leadership in kingdom building.

We are forced to recognize the tremendous changes we face as a Baptist family, in particular the loss of churches to other seemingly more exciting 'ministries'. The newer movements are driven by tremendous media exposure and our inability or unwillingness to adjust how we view/do ministry (using the theme of our president) "in this present age" fails to attract numerical or spiritual growth. So, I asked myself, what can the convention do in the present environment for the associations and local churches that they cannot

do for themselves?

The connective tissue between the state convention, its auxiliaries, associations and local churches is education—equipping the saints. Each arm of ministry listed above seek to provide biblical education and training to those we serve. As a former historian of our General Baptist family, I learned our convention was birthed in 1867 from a need to educate (biblically and secularly) Blacks who did not have access to reading, writing and 'rithmetic. As a result, the convention grew an umbilical cord to Shaw University, which began in 1865.

As a convention, with the strength of 1700 churches, we can provide access to the best minds in ministry and biblical education this state, country and globe has to offer. Whereas smaller churches and congregations may not have the resources to do so, together as a convention we can. The convention should assist associations and local churches to prepare leaders and laity for ministry. We can develop our own Congress or gathering where associa-

tions and churches can send members for a variety of learning and training opportunities. In addition to those we already have, we can develop seminars and workshops on leadership, music, technology, biblical studies, theology, Christian arts, preaching, pastoral care, financial planning for individuals and church, and any number of subjects as needed. We can provide exposure to special projects, ideas and ministries from our brothers and sisters all across this great state.

If any of this resonates with your spirit, then I ask you to join me in bringing it to fruition and reality. I hope you will become as excited about these possibilities as I am!

Please help me bring forth fresh water (Genesis 27:18). **Vote for Gregory Moss on November 1st.** Thank you in advance for your consideration, your confidence and your vote.

In His Service,
Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
Candidate for President

Historic Congress Sessions Held in Charlotte, North Carolina and Nashville, Tennessee

Just over a year ago, the 99th session of the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress was held in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Congress assembled under the theme, "Through Christ: Achieving Great Things." The session was hosted by Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., pastor of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte. Dr. A. T. Griffey, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem served as co-host. Rev. Haywood T. Gray, Executive-Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention, served as a consultant to the host committee representing Missionary Baptist interest across the state of North Carolina. Dr. Charles T. Bullock, President of the General Baptist State

Convention served this congress by providing much needed support to ensure participation of the Baptist churches of North Carolina. They, along with a diverse and talented host committee that included other denominations, races and cultures, welcomed more than 15,000 Congress messengers to Charlotte. Though Charlotte has been host to the National Baptist, INC Congress, this session marked the first time the National Missionary Congress convened in North Carolina.

Dr. T. B. Boyd, President and CEO of the R. H. Boyd Publishing Corporation and Dr. David Groves, Director of Publications and the Congress, provided leadership for the Congress and left no stone unturned to expose Congress participants to some of the nation's best minds in biblical/spiritual education and preaching.

In addition to the more than one hundred fifty classes offered, Congress highlights included more than 7000

youth in attendance from across America who participated in drill-team,



Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., Host Pastor, Saint Paul Baptist Church

dance and mime competition. Music included a concert provided by the Music Ministry of St. Paul Baptist Church and Gospel recording artist Kurt Carr. The convention also included three nights of dynamic Late Night worship. Noted participants and speakers were Dr.

Melvin V. Wade, president of the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America; Dr. Cleophus LaRue; professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary; Dr. Daniel Akin, president of the Southeastern Theological Seminary; and Dr. Nehemiah Davis, Texas. The Host Committee included program participants in the persons of Dr. J. D. Ballard, Dr. Robert McGowens, Dr. Billy Houze, and Dr. Anthony L. Jinwright to insure Congress attendees would be exposed to a distinctive "North Carolina" flavor.

In June of 2006, the 100th session of Congress convened in Nashville, Tennessee and featured a stellar program packed with excitement, excellent

classes/seminars, youth activities and preaching. The session

begin with a historic banquet, featuring Rev. Joseph Lowery, former president of SCLC who electrified and issued a challenge to the hundreds in attendance to be faithful to the fight against injustice and oppression in every corner of the world and particularly in

America. Under the leadership of Dr. Boyd, Congress made special concessions to participants from the Gulf Coast region and made sizable contributions to hurricane victims across the board.

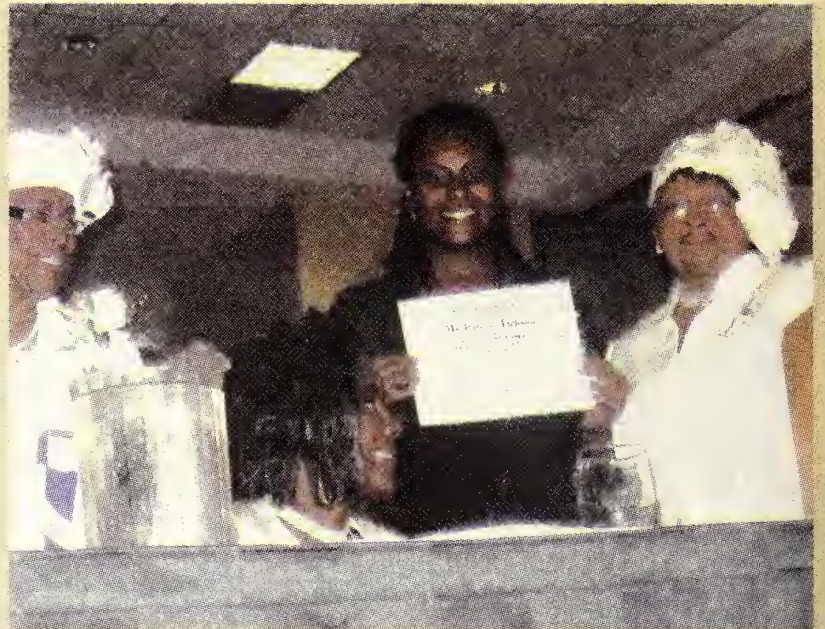
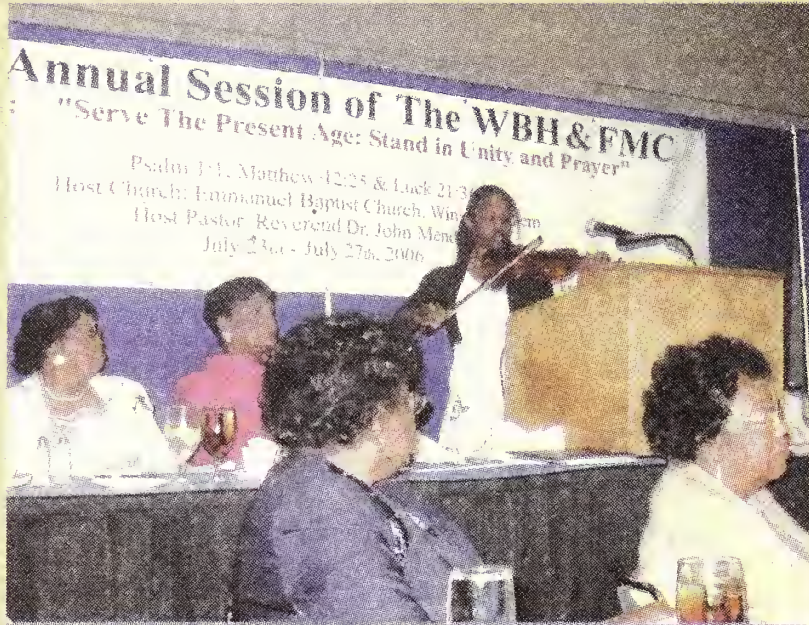
One of the strengths of the Congress is its dedication, attention to and investment in young people. Again the youth were front and center with more than 7300 participants in classes, drill-team, dance and mime competition. This year's noted speakers and program participants included Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, pastor emeritus of Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, New York; Dr. James Forbes, pastor of the Riverside Church, Manhattan, New York; Dr. Kevin Cosby, St. Stevens Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. Gregory K. Moss Sr., St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Ce Ce Winans, Gospel recording artist and many others.

Of special note, the Dr. Samuel Billy Kyles was featured lecturer on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Kyles is the last surviving person who spent the last hour of Dr. King's life with him in the fated Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. More than 16,000 attendees participated in the centennial session of Congress.



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Host Pastor: Reverend Dr. John L. Williams
July 23rd - July 27th



By Rev. Dr. gloria gerald
GBSC Recording Secretary

Reverend Dr. J. Ray Butler • August 1923 - July 2005



Dr. gloria gerald

The GBSC family lost an exceptional steward of God's trust when, on 19 July 2005, The Reverend Dr. Joseph Ray Butler entered Scene I of the final act of transitioning from mortality to immortality.

Dr. Butler held continuous leadership positions in GBSC. For several decades he served as Vice President-at-Large and Chairperson of the General Board and Personal Committee. He also served on various other committees and commissions, and was the Parliamentarian and member of the Executive Committee and General Board at the time of his death. Dr. Butler was also a moderator and vice moderator of the Rowan Association, and held other offices in the same.

His gifts and graces empowered him to be a compassionate presence, enabler, equipper and teacher for the GBSC family. Because he believed in the power of God within, he saw potential in the least of God's little ones and pressed to help them see the same. He lived, preached, taught and wrote on the tithe. In fact, it would not be an overstatement to proclaim that J. Ray Butler brought tithing to the GBSC family in 'word and deed.' Dr. Butler understood the importance of being "with" his convention in the best of times and worst of times, giving of his and his church's financial resources, and his stewardship of influence and time. He was *the pastors' pastor* because he understood that ever pastor needs a pastor. To that end, and without hidden agendas, his ear, presence, resources and words of wisdom

were always available to whomever.

Dr. Butler's life and work not only impacted the lives of many through GBSC, but also made an indelible mark on numerous individuals through the pastoral-priestly-prophetic and servant leadership he provided at his first pastorate, First Missionary Baptist Church in Creedmoor, NC, and continued to provide in Baltimore, Maryland and several other cities in North Carolina, including Shiloh Baptist in Winston-Salem—where he was twice selected *Pastor of the Year* and Shiloh, *National Church of the Year*—and at the time of his death, United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem where he was also the founder.

Dr. Butler knew the importance of education. He believed those called to servant leadership needed to prepare themselves by attending seminary and continually "[Doing their] best to present [themselves] to God as [individuals] approved by [God, workers who have] no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). He was not content with his own academic accomplishments—a Doctor of Ministry degree from Tri-County College and Seminary, a unit of UNC at Chapel Hill in Maxton, NC, other degrees and certificates, along with frequenting relevant conferences—he also encouraged young clergy to attend university and seminary, with his church providing scholarships for many.

As I reflected on the manner in which I

would conclude this memorial on this pastor, author, husband of Marion C. Lucas-Butler, father of four sons, sibling of three sisters, grandfather, great/great-great grandfather, uncle; cousin, colleague and friend, I thought of the manner in which he went forth in the face of opposition, overcame trials and temptations, faced the infeasible, bore the unbearable, and learned to shun the Pilate that has the potential to rise in each of us, by refusing to wash his hands and dance with cheap grace, but rather choosing to stand against evil opinions and traditions, and faithfully fulfill his calling to *serve the present age*. I also smiled as I recalled J. Ray's—as his friends often called him—fondness for words. He loved the manner in which words could be crafted in daily conversations. One of his favorite was *personalities*, and one of his convictions put to words was "*God is obligated to me*." He said this because he knew whose he was and upon whose promises he stood. However, his most passionate use of words occurred while preparing and then standing on holy ground proclaiming *the Word* and feeding members of the beloved community, and whomsoever, living manner from on high.

My reflecting ended with a belief that the Reverend Dr. J. Ray Butler would have me conclude this particular memorial doing what preachers are called to do: craft our primary tool—words with the Word. That is, craft words in a manner that enables them to be pregnant with meaning for the "living of these

days," and craft them in a manner that ultimately brings grace and hope.

And so I craft these closing words of memorial in a form similar to the manner in which Dr. Butler, through the power of the Spirit of the Living God, crafted words of steadfastness and encouragement: endure, keep God's commandments and hold fast to your faith in the love of God in Christ, so that when it's all over on this side of eternity, you can rest from your labors and let your good works follow you. Not only follow you in the here and now, but more importantly, follow you in the new heaven and new earth; where, the next breath you take will be in the land of the unclouded day; the next walk you walk will be in Jerusalem just like John; the next sight you see, will be the temple, that is, the Sovereign God the Almighty and the Lamb; the next voice you hear will be a loud voice from the throne saying "...Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away;" the next touch you feel will be from God wiping every tear from your eyes; the next garment you wear will be a robe of red testifying you have been redeemed, washed in the blood of the crucified and risen one; the next drink you drink will be from springs of the water of life; the next meal you eat will be at the marriage supper of the Lamb where all of God's children are included, not one excluded. Yes, walk in God's will and way today my people, so that when it's all over on this side of eternity, the next song you sing will be in the everlasting, inclusive, majestic doxological chorus: Holy! Holy! Holy! Holy! Sovereign God the Almighty! Holy! Holy! Holy! At last all heaven and earth are filled with your glory! (Rev. 4,7,19, 21). Amen. Amen. Amen.



The Reverend Dr. J. Ray Butler

Xlibris Releases A New And Touching Book Paying Tribute to All Mothers

Raleigh, NC - (Release Date TBD) - People would not have existed in the first place without their mothers and despite the fact that men continue to dominate the affairs of the world, only women carry the responsibility of not just giving birth to new people but also they carry the task to nurture children with moral values. A celebration about our mothers is coming to enlighten you as Xlibris proudly releases the compelling new book *God's Gift: Mothers*, written by Dr. George Clyde Debnam.

God's Gift: Mothers is an honorable book that features biblical exaltations about mothers, numerous poems and songs that make great sense about life, religious verses and inspiring artworks about mothers. It is a comprehensive approach to motherhood which will inspire readers to be more respectful of their mothers, to be aware of the hardship of raising family, to value family and most of all they will realize that they would not exist without their mothers. The essence of motherhood is deeply expressed through historical, cultural and religious perspectives which gives this book a universal appeal.

Over the past 25 years, Dr. Debnam and his wife Dr. Marjorie Boyd Debnam, have mentored over 700 young males from the junior year in high school to the senior year in college in values of ethics, good citizenship moral and spiritual behavior. Enlighten your selves and honor your mothers by ordering a copy of Dr. George Clyde Debnam's *God's Gift: Mothers* online at Xlibris.com Amazon.com or by visiting your local bookstore today!

About the Author:

One of 15 children, Dr. Debnam was practicing physician in Wake County, NC for 50 years and 6 months. He delivered 11,500 babies and performed 4,000 operations. He is the father of 3 daughters, two of whom are medical doctors and one is a college professor. He is a deacon in his church, a trustee at Shaw University and a trustee emeritus at North Carolina Central University.

God's Gift: Mothers by Dr. George Clyde Debnam, M.D.

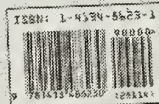
An Anthology of Writing, Poems, Songs and Illustrations About Our Mothers - Publication Date: March 28, 2006

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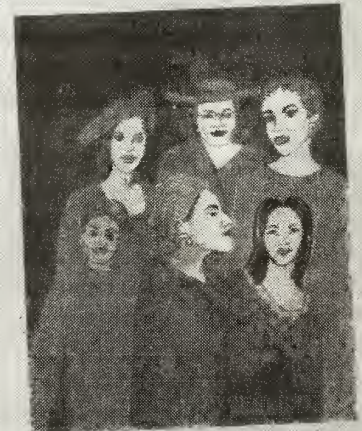
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by
GEORGE CLYDE DEBNAM, M.D.

Countywide Youth Summit

"YOUTHSPEAK 2006: THE CHURCH RESPONSE"

Thursday, July 6, 2006 • 6:00 p.m.
Martin Street Baptist Church
1001 East Martin Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
Dr. Charles T. Bullock, Pastor

Mrs. Mae Delaney, Summit Coordinator
Committee Members
Mrs. Peggy Goodson
Mrs. Pauline Mack, Mrs. Mary Little
Mrs. Gwendolyn Reynolds

The young people were there, about 250 of them—preteen through high school. They came by cars, buses, vans,



and SUV's. They represented fifteen churches and two college Upward Bound Program. What a rousing and energetic time they had!

The program was as follows: (1) Musical prelude by the Martin Street Baptist Church Youth Choir; (2) General Session, Mrs. Paulette Mack, Moderator; (3) Four breakout forums

"YOUTHSPEAK 2006: THE CHURCH RESPONSE"

for Youth and two for adults; (4) Intermission; (5) Reconvene of the General Assembly for Reports and Wrap Up; and (6) Reception.

Breakout Session Topics

I. DECIDING AT THE CROSSROADS: Gangs, Peer Pressure, Bullies, Alcohol, Drugs, Smoking, Theft, Incarceration, and Drive by Shootings.

THE ALARM SOUNDS—"SOS": Early Dating, Teenage Pregnancies, Unwed Motherhood, Parenting, Prostitution, Cohabitation, Abortions, STD (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) Homosexuality

YOU ARE UNIQUE—AIM FOR TOTAL FULFILLMENT: Low Self-Esteem, Loneliness, Fads, Copycats, Suicide, Rebellion, Run Aways, Step Parents/Step Children Relationships, Sibling Rivalry, and Stress.

SKETCHING A BLUEPRINT FOR TOMMOROW: TV/Video/Internet, Music Lyrics, Pornography, Name-Brand Clothes, Poor Study Habits, Drive by Shootings, School Drop Outs, Jobs, and Competition.

INVITED EXPERT PARTICIPANTS

Reverend Landon Adams, Executive Director, Triangle Lost Generation Task Force

Reverend Paul Anderson, Pastor, Baptist Grove Church
Attorney Julie Bell, Partner at the Law Firm of Patterson, Dillthey, Clay, Bryson, and Anderson

Dr. Sandra Blakeney, Psychiatrist

Reverend Jamal Carr, Project Coordinator for the Department of Juveniles Justice and Delinquency Prevention of School Violence

Dr. LeRoy Darkes, Director of Rex Senior Health Care Center

Dr. George Debnam, Retired, Practicing Physician for over 50 years, Author of God's Gifts: Mothers—An Anthology of Writings, Poems, Songs, and Illustrations about our Mothers

Reverend Anthony Eaton, Pastor, Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church



Lieutenant Johnny Hawkins, North Carolina Department of Correction

Reverence Daniel Lilly, Pastor of Mitchell Baptist Church/NC State Government Department of Personnel

Mr. Alan Muriera, Wake County Human Services

Dr. Gwendolyn K. Newsome, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education, North Carolina Central University



Reverend Michael Smith, Cross of Christ Ministries, Teacher-Discipler Chaplaincy Services Administrator Federal Bureau of Prisons/Mid Atlantic Region

PARTICIPANTS CHURCHES



Baptist Grove Baptist Church
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Christian Faith Baptist Church
First Baptist



Church/Raleigh First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church
Martin Street Baptist Church
St Sinai Holiness Church
Oak City Baptist Church
Olive Branch Baptist



Church
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Watts Chapel Baptist Church
Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church
Gethsemane True Vine Holiness Church

Pleasant Hill UCC
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Upward Bound Program
Saint Augustine's College
Upward Bound Program
Shaw University



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I have built and designed more than 40 churches in my 55 years of general contracting. The quality of construction, design, and landscaping should create a meaningful setting which is an inspiration to its members and the community.

When you consult with me, my first step is a detailed inquiry of the various programs at your church. This enables me to understand my services. Our first meeting is to get acquainted and find out your needs.

The second step is providing a master plan of your entire church property and renderings or models of the proposed buildings.

The third step is preparing your construction drawing which include:

- Sound systems
- Special lighting effects
- Design plans
- Structural design
- Energy saving heating and cooling
- Specifications (in laypersons language)

I have found that coordinating all of these design phases through one firm avoids costly delays, misunderstanding and mistakes during constructions.

There are many phases in church planning and design which require a specialist in that field. When you start your next building program, I hope you will give me a call.

At Your Service
Thomas L. Jones

***The Women's Luncheon
Saturday, September 16, 2006***

12:30 p.m.

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EIGHTH PAGE	\$ 150.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00

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or susan.beal@twincityquarter.com

ADVANCE RESERVATION REQUEST FOR:

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NC

October 29 - November 2, 2006

October 8, 2006

Event Dates

Reservations Due Date

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Fax: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

Additional Guests: _____

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All accommodations are based on availability. Contact hotel directly for suite information.

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ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

APPLICATION FOR EXHIBIT SPACE FOR THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL SESSION

October 30 - Nov 2, 2006

Benton Convention Center • Winston-Salem

336-725-3500

EXHIBIT FEE - \$100.00

PLEASE RESERVE EXHIBIT SPACE AS INDICATED BELOW FOR:

Name Of Exhibitor: _____

Describe Product(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Telephone Number () _____

Electrical Outlet Needed? YES _____ NO _____

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OCTOBER 13, 2006

General Baptist State Convention, Attn: Portia Brandon

603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh NC 27601

Phone: (919) 821-7466

- (1) Fee For Exhibitor Space is **\$100.00** (Make Checks/Money Orders payable to GBSC) Each Vendor Will Be Provided One Table And One Chair. Electric Outlets Will be Provided.
- (2) Fee For Exhibit Space Shall Be Paid **Before** Setup. See Policy for More Details.
- (3) Each Exhibitor shall be Responsible for Displaying and Protecting their Booth.
- (4) Exhibit Setup Begins on: Monday October 24 - Starting at 7:00 AM
Must Be Removed by: Wednesday, November 1st - By 9 p.m.
Limited Space

Vendors and Private Business Policy

All persons seeking to reserve and/or rent exhibit space for the purpose of selling, showcasing, or informational purposes, should submit an application along with full rental payment to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. by **October 13th, 2006**.

All rental exhibit spaces should be approved by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of GBSC or the person authorized to act on his behalf.

All checks/money orders should be made payable to the General Baptist State Convention (GBSC).

Certified checks, cashier checks, and money orders may be submitted on-site the day of the event providing **pre-arrangements have been approved**.

Vendors will be notified upon receipt of application and payment.

The General Baptist State Convention will not be liable for any damages to personal property sustained on-site of the event.

The General Baptist State Convention will make arrangements for each vendor to have one table and one chair for each rental space.

The General Baptist State Convention will not be responsible/liable for securing any additional fixtures (i.e. extension cords, outlets, telephone connections, etc.) for your rental/exhibit space.

The General Baptist State Convention does not make any representations regarding your potential profit or loss. Accordingly, there will be no refunds given due to poor attendance at any event or poor sales by any of the vendors.

If, after pre-registering, any vendor is unable to attend an event, he/she must give the General Baptist State Convention at least 48 hours notice in order to receive a full refund. Please call (919) 821-7466 if you have any questions.



GBSC REPRESENTATION FORM

2006 ANNUAL SESSION
October 29 - November 2, 2006

Date: _____ Church Membership: _____

Name of Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

SECTION A: FEES

Representation (Based on size of Congregation) _____

State Missions (Make a contribution of your choice) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

SECTION B: VOTING MESSENGERS

NAME ADDRESS OF MESSENGER

1	_____
2	_____
3	_____
4	_____
5	_____
6	_____
7	_____
8	_____

SECTION C: ALTERNATE VOTING MESSENGERS

NAME ADDRESS OF MESSENGER

1	_____
2	_____
3	_____

Pastor's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Clerk's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH SENIOR PASTOR VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

Mount Vernon Baptist Church located in Durham, North Carolina is seeking a full-time senior pastor who is a licensed ordained Baptist minister.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Possess a Master of Divinity Degree from an accredited seminary or divinity school
- Have pastoral experience of 6 to 10 years
- Understand, teach, and follow Baptist doctrine
- Be obedient to the word of God and have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Exhibit a genuine care for people
- Understand and communicate well with all age groups (youth, adults, senior citizens)
- Preach God's word as well as skilled counselor and teacher
- Demonstrate leadership skills to ensure efficient church organization and effective church operations
- Be a visionary and trained in setting goals for the continued growth of the church
- Believe and abide by Baptist doctrine and Church Covenant and be supportive of the General Baptist State Convention
- Exhibit spiritual and personal maturity
- Must be willing to submit to background check

If you are interested in applying for the senior pastor position at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, please mail the following to the address listed below:

Resume, Brief biographical sketch, Official transcripts (from accredited schools/institutions), Three (3) reference letters which include their home address, telephone number, and email address

All completed applications sent to the Pastor Search Committee will be acknowledged with a receipt. The Pastor Search Committee will not accept any application postmarked after October 31, 2006. Mail all application materials to:

Pastor Search Committee
Deacon Jimmie Young, Chair
Mount Vernon Baptist Church
P.O. Box 51879
Durham, NC 27717-1879

Annual Session Representation DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION: October 16

1. You may register on-site for this session. However, Churches are encouraged to pre-register by mailing this form and applicable fees to Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2338. The deadline for pre-registration is October 16. Any forms received after this date will be processed on-site. **Checks should be made payable to GBSC.**

2. The following chart outlines the Constitutional requirements for representation. Please see this chart to determine the amount you must pay to represent and the number of messengers that your church is entitled to send to this session. You may send fewer messengers than indicated for a Church of your size, but you may not send more messengers than indicated.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	AMOUNT TO REPRESENT	NUMBER OF MESSENGERS
1 - 50 Members	\$20.00	2 Messengers
51 - 100 Members	\$35.00	3 Messengers
101 - 250 Members	\$50.00	4 Messengers
251 - 500 Members	\$75.00	5 Messengers
501 - 750 Members	\$100.00	6 Messengers
751 - 1000 Members	\$125.00	7 Messengers
1001 and above	\$150.00	8 Messengers

3. This form must be signed by the Pastor and the Church Clerk. If your church currently does not have a Pastor, the signature of a Church officer will suffice. **If you plan to register on-site, please remember that this form must be signed by the pastor and clerk before presenting the form for on-site registration.**

4. You must give the name and address of each **voting messenger** being sent from your church. You are only entitled to send the number of messengers for the size of your membership. Persons listed on this form as voting messengers (or alternates) do not have to pay an individual registration fee at this session. In order to receive a ballot, **each voting messenger will have to present a photo ID.**

5. You may name up to three **alternate messengers** in the event that a messenger may not be able to attend. Changes to voting messengers or alternate messengers may be made in writing to the Baptist Headquarters up to the October 16 deadline. After that time, any changes will have to be made on-site by appealing to the Registration Committee.

6. Pre-registration forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fees. Forms submitted without the proper fees will be returned to the Churches. Churches whose forms are returned for non-payment of fees will need to return the forms with the proper fees before the October 16 deadline or register on-site. **Be sure to fill in the box showing "Church Membership" on the form with the numbers of members in your Church.**

7. The representation fee is required in order to receive voting badges. Each Church is also asked to send a contribution (any amount of your choice) for State Missions along with the Representation Fee. **So long as you pay the Registration Fee, you may enroll voting messengers whether or not you make a contribution for State Missions.**

8. No lost voting badges will be re-issued. Badges will **ONLY** be issued to the individual person(s) registered from each Church.

Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina is currently seeking a Senior pastor, spiritual leader, counselor and administrator. **All interested persons should submit a letter of interest and resume not later than September 30, 2006.**

The successful candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- Must be born-again, spirit filled, divinely called minister with strong family and community values.
- Must possess the willingness to follow the By-laws governing the church.
- Must have a knowledge of Baptist doctrines, church policies and procedures and be willing to follow such.
- Must be a licensed, ordained Baptist minister.
- Must have significant experience as a Senior Pastor.
- Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Religion, Theology, or Divinity from an accredited college, university or divinity school.
- Must be willing to work with all age groups with particular interest in spiritual growth and development of our youth.
- Must be able to develop and share a vision for the future growth and development for the church.
- Must visit and commune with sick, shut-in and bereaved families.

All applicants should provide the following information:

- Copy of college degree (s), certificates of license and ordination.
- Proof of completion of ALL accredited theological training
- Name, address and telephone number of (4) personal and professional references
With no more than (2) coming from other ministers

All materials should be forward to:

Dr. Ernie Wade, Chairman, Pulpit Committee
Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
132 N. Glenn Avenue • Winston-Salem, NC 27105

ST. STEPHEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH • 5000 Noble Street • Winston-Salem, NC 27105

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a pastor to lead the 800 plus member congregation. St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church has a rich history of over sixty years in the Winston-Salem Community and is recognized for its leadership in local and statewide Baptist organizations. Applicants who want to be considered for this position must have the following:

- Born Again Christian/Spirit Filled pastor/minister who is interested in winning souls to Christ and demonstrates it through the teaching and preaching of God's word
- Must be Licensed and Ordained as a Baptist pastor/minister with a minimum of five years of actual pastoral experience
- Must have attended Theological school and completed an accredited Bible College
- Must be able to Teach as well as Preach God's Word
- Must be guided by the Holy Spirit and able to apply God's wisdom as detailed in the Bible in all actions and decisions as a leader of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church
- Must have excellent leadership skills with a broad knowledge of the Baptist Doctrine, Baptist Polity, church policies and procedures and possess a willingness to follow the by-laws governing St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church
- Should be well versed in Robert Rules of Order and know how to conduct a church meeting
- Should have a good working knowledge of the business and financial aspects of the church
- Must be a skilled compassionate Counselor and willing to counsel the members of the congregation
- Must be a person with high moral integrity, have a humble spirit, and not argumentative or overbearing
- Must live a Christian life inside and outside the church
- Must have excellent communication skills and a sincere willingness to be a good listener
- Must have the ability to work with all age groups in the congregation
- Should be able to recognize the diversity of talents in the church and have a willingness to help develop and use the spiritual gifts of the congregation
- Should have knowledge of and promote the Church's involvement in total church ministry, the local, state and national Baptist associations
- Must be willing to submit to a Police background check, Character and Credit check and must live in or be willing to relocate to Forsyth County.

All Interested applicants should submit a resume with a cover letter and a copy of your Ministerial License to the following address: St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church • Attention: Deacon Nathaniel Barber • P.O. Box 11903 • Winston-Salem, NC 27116

ALL RESUMES MUST BE POSTMARKED AND RECEIVED BY September 12, 2006

MINISTER OF MUSIC**Friendship Missionary Baptist Church • 501 Burke Street • Monroe, N C**

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a Minister of Music. The applicant should possess a passion for God, His Word, and people.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. Born again Christian, Spirit-filled and gifted in music ministry.
2. Ability to prepare choirs for Sunday morning worship services and other services.
3. Ability to teach music and conduct workshops
4. Rehearse with all choirs of the church once a week
5. Accompany pastor, choirs on engagements to other churches
6. Ability to select appropriate hymns and songs for worship services
7. Must be available for all Sunday worship services
8. Work with all choirs, especially children and youth choirs

Interested persons should send a letter of interest, resume and a recorded tape or CD of work to:

Music Committee
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
P O Box 945
Monroe, NC 28111

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church • 102 Mt. Olive Road • Windsor, North Carolina 27983**PASTORAL POSITION AVAILABLE**

Full-time Senior Pastor for Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church with an approximate membership of over 500 African-American congregants and an annual budget of \$300,000

Qualifications: The successful applicant must possess at minimum a Master of Divinity degree from an accredited seminary and proven ability to prepare and deliver stimulating and inspirational sermons. Additionally, this candidate will have the following traits: a firm grasp of Baptist polity, thorough belief in and knowledge of the principles of our faith, demonstrated aptitude to teach, broad education preparation and good health.

He/She shall be a person serious in purpose, careful in speech, sound in Baptist doctrine, and above reproach in life and conduct. He/She shall have an appreciation for a diversity of religious music and a zeal for Christian education. Further, he/she must:

- Be a spiritual leader able to cast a vision for growth and expansion
- Possess at least 5 years of pastoral experience (Senior, Associate, Assistant)
- Possess high interpersonal relationship skills
- Demonstrate a compassionate approach to visiting members (including sick, shut-in, and the needy)
- Possess good leadership development ability
- Possess sound budget/financial management skills
- Possess a record of impeccable administrative and organizational abilities
- Possess strength in evangelism
- Possess praiseworthy counseling ability
- Be a person dedicated to fulfilling the mission of the church in harmony with God's Holy Word

Salary and benefits are open for negotiation, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

All interested parties should submit a letter of interest, which requests an application to:

Pulpit Search Committee • Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church • Post Office Box 214 Lewiston, NC 27849

The deadline to submit applications is October 1, 2006.

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*Postmaster send address and all communications
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603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.*

Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church**Pastor Vacancy Advertisement**

- Born again Christian
- Lives a sincere Christian life, has been clean record and a good reputation
- Ordained by Baptist Denomination
- Honest good role model of moral conduct
- Is faithful in doing and carrying out the functions of the church and has the ability to teach and preach God's word.
- Pastoral worship every Sunday
- Has Training in Theological and/or seminary
- Working experience with all age groups in church
- Family and community oriented
- Believes/abides by Baptist Doctrines and Church Covenant and is supportive of the General Baptist State Convention
- Ability to enhance spiritual and intellectual growth of the church
- Exemplify good communication, leadership, administrative and counseling ability
- Visionary and trained in setting goals for the continued growth of the church
- Pastoral experience of at least 3-5 years
- Must be willing to submit to background check
- References/resume

Qualifications:

**Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Pastoral Search Committee**

Attention: Deacon LeRoy Crowder, Jr., Chairman • P O Box 1162 • Hamlet, N. C. 28345

Mt Sinai Missionary Baptist Church**1217 Murchison Road • Fayetteville, N C 28301**

Mt Sinai Missionary Baptist Church of Fayetteville, N. C., is currently accepting applications for a pastor with strong Baptist roots. We are affiliated with the Union Baptist Association and the General Baptist State Convention.

The ideal applicant must:

- Be led by the Holy Spirit
- Be a licensed, ordained Baptist Minister
- Have an in-depth knowledge of and belief in Missionary Baptist Doctrine
- Be concerned with the spiritual and intellectual growth of the Church
- Be able to work with all ages in the Church
- Have Youth Ministry experience
- Be able to teach and preach God's Word
- Have a vision for the growth of the Church
- Have strong leadership qualities
- Be a good role model of moral and ethical conduct
- Visit sick and shut-in whenever possible
- Be community-oriented
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- Consent to a background check
- Provide at least three references

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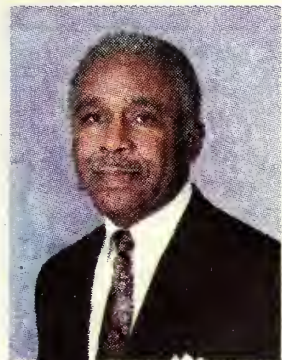
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By Dr. Charles T. Bullock
President GBSC

*"Now therefore give me
this mountain..."*
(Joshua 14:12).

As we face life and its many challenges, there are times when life can be



Dr. Charles T.
Bullock

compared to conquering mountains. Life presents itself in opposites; we have day and night, ups and downs, good times and bad times, positives and negatives.

In the midst of it all, there are challenges to overcome. Serving as president of the General Baptist State Convention, I often remembered the words of the Apostle Paul as he wrote to the church at Philippi: "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). I am grateful for the prayers, encouragement, support and faith exemplified in Him who provided the strength to face the challenges and conquer the mountains that were before us.

In the book of Joshua, Caleb's request for the mountain where the Anakims lived was based on his faith in God. Caleb remembered that God sent him and Joshua years earlier and ten others, to spy out the land that God promised the children of Israel. The ten had forgotten the promise of God, but Caleb remembered, and his faith was not shattered because of their faithlessness. Because of the faithlessness of the people, they wandered in the wilderness for forty years; but Caleb and Joshua held on to their faith, though they had to wander with the unfaithful. They believed God would keep His promise.

Sometimes we become discouraged and disappointed that our unrelenting determination did not achieve the results for which we hoped. Sometimes careless actions expressed by other Christians

With God All Things Are Possible

may leave our faith greatly weakened. Yet we must hold firm to our faith in God. Caleb's faith was firmly planted in God; he was not among those who considered themselves grasshoppers in the face of the enemy. He is listed with those who believed in God despite the obstacles. Though he wandered in the wilderness with the faithless, he learned the lesson of patience and trusted God.

In facing the challenges of life, we must believe that the Lord will make a way. Serving as president of this great Convention, many times during my moments of meditation my attention was called to Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy path." Mountainous challenges made and make me more aware of the fact that I need to continuously lean on Jesus. For He is the way through – an uncertain tomorrow, and a way through the storms of life that threaten us and make tomorrow seem undesirable. He is the way out – of the difficulties and the perplexities of life. He is the way out - of failure and emptiness. Jesus Christ is the way in – to life and hope and peace.

He is the way that makes life meaningful. He is the way up - to the Father and the home above.

As my tenure as president approaches closure, I submit special THANKS and PRAISES to our God through His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever" (Psalm 107:1)

Thanks and praises for helping us as a Convention to become financially solvent.

Thanks and praises for allowing us to clear outstanding vendor accounts and restore our creditability.

Thanks and praises for your generous support of the call to serve the present age locally as well as the state level and beyond.

Thanks and praises for the meaningful mission programs and services we continue to provide at our various Convention settings and across the field.

Thanks and praises for our timely monthly financial accountability to our mission objectives, fostering our purpose and mission. Because of your response to the "call" and "cause", I am pleased to report, with thanks and

praise, that for the last 20 months—January 2005 through August 2006, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Reverend Haywood Gray, confirms the following PAID to our objectives: Shaw University \$346,410.27; Shaw Divinity School \$100,479.68; Lott Carey Foreign Missions \$249,197.03; Central Children's Home \$109,600.58 for a total of \$805,687.56!! This, with your additional generous response to the Katrina crisis, approaches one million dollars for missions beyond our extensive and important state missions in less than the last two years!! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

I will be forever grateful for your prayers, support and words of encouragement. For it has been because of your love and partnership and the grace and favor of God that we have been able to face the mountains before us and channel successfully through. God has been and is indeed faithful. Our challenges continue. We must continue to climb mountains with faith and trust in God as we look to "the past, Mindful, to the present, Faithful, and to the future, Hopeful." May God bless and keep us all as we continue our commitment to SERVE THE PRESENT AGE!

Grant visits New Orleans, Dallas

By Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice President At Large

Dallas; New Orleans – I was honored to represent both the Mount Zion Church of Asheville and the General Board of our Convention in delivering the devotional message to the parent body of the National Baptist Convention, USA,



From New Orleans with Chairman Grant are Dr. William J. Shaw, President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated (center); and Dr. D. K. Mollaire, President of the Second District Missionary Baptist Association of Louisiana, Inc.

Incorporated meeting in Dallas, Texas on September 8, 2006. I also represented as part of a national delegation of over forty pastors visiting New Orleans on August 29, 2006 marking the first Anniversary of Katrina. The delegation was led by Rev. Dr. William J. Shaw, president of the 5.2 million member National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated, and the Rev. Dr. R. B. Holmes, Jr., president to the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, an auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

The delegation was joined by New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin, City and State officials, local pastors and lay leaders for a prayer breakfast at the Asia Baptist Church, which sustained 8 feet of water after Hurricane Katrina. A highlight of the prayer breakfast of national and local clergy was the unveiling of the first phrase of the Convention's "Macedonia Ministry". This Ministry is an integral part of the Convention's massive support to churches of the Gulf



Dr. John H.
Grant

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State Mission: Annual Session

By Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.,
1st Vice President



Dr. Howard
Parker, Jr.

The Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., will convene October 29 – November 2, 2006 at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. In addition to the spirit filled preaching, teaching and fellowship which is known to happen at

each session of the Convention, this year is also an Election Year.

In order to vote in this year's Election, all churches of the Convention have been asked to submit your Early Registration to the Headquarters Office by Monday, October 16, 2006. If your church does not have a Representation Form you may contact the Headquarters Office or one of the Officers of the Convention. In Section B of the Representation Form the names of the voting messengers of each respective church must be listed. Section C of the form will ask for Alternate Voting Messengers.

The number of Voting Messengers from each respective church will depend on the church membership list that each church will fill in. For example, a church with 1 to 50 members will represent with \$20.00 and have 2 Voting Messengers. A church with 51 to 100 members will represent with \$35.00 and have 3 Voting Messengers. The church membership and the amount to represent with and the number of voting messengers will increase accordingly.

All Voting Messengers should plan on remaining at the Convention Center until all votes have been counted to determine if there will be a run-off. If

there is a run-off for a given position a second vote will need to be taken.

Since this will be my last article to you as your First Vice President, I want to express my appreciation to the members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., for the opportunity of serving you in this position. I have tried to keep the Convention members informed about State Mission over the past four years through the Baptist Informer and if you permit, I shall do my best to honor you at the next level.

Thank you and God Bless. I shall look for you in Winston-Salem. ■

From the desk of the Second Vice-President

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II,
2nd Vice President



Dr. Nilous
Avery, II

"To all in (the General Baptist Family) who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7, NIV). As we press on to our Annual Session gathering in Winston-Salem beginning October 29th, I continually pause to thank God for all of you, "because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:8b). My tenure as your Second Vice-President winds down with a heart full of gratitude and a mind that is made up to go on

in the Lord.

I ask for your prayers and support as I seek to become First Vice-President of this great body, by the grace and will of God. This convention stands on the threshold of abundant blessings through the power of God. Our mountaintop view of Promised Land possessions must not result in a stagnant spirituality. God has promised empowerment for those who are faithful. General Baptist, we can experience the power that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Power is a word that is used often in our world. We are familiar with "power plays" and "power dunks" in athletics. We eat "power bars" for energy while on the go. We install power locks, power brakes, power windows, etc. in our automobiles. Our children watch *Power Rangers* cartoons and movies. We use "power points" in professional

presentations. Our churches apply the word *power* to add punch to our ecclesiastical gatherings.

How does the word *power* apply to our spiritual lives? In the New Testament, there are two forms of the word *power*:

- *Dunamis*: the ability, the force, the energy to do or act. It literally means powered by power, transforming power.

The focus of this word is the transformation {change} that comes in order to glow, grow, and go when this power is present! (see Acts 1:8)

- *Kratos*: the power that is able to overcome resistance (see Hebrews 2:14). This also refers to overcoming the power of death. This word indicates that God's glorious might is needed for growth as a result of the many challenges that confront our spiritual advancement.

In others words, Christ's power must become tangible and visible in our lives in order to glow, grow, and go in the will and work of God!

God provides us with *Power to Know* (Ephesians 1:17-20; 3:18-19), *Power to Walk* (Colossians 1:11), and *Power to Serve* (2 Thessalonians 1:11). We are called to be fruit-bearers of God through Jesus Christ. True fruit-bearers possess inward divine power that transforms lives and overcomes obstacles to ministry.

Our opportunity to be witnesses of God's transforming power is available through our convention's objectives, which includes the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. Your constant prayers and financial support are tangible proof that God's power transforms lives and overcomes obstacles. My beloved General Baptist family, we are in position to impact our world like never before. Accept the challenge today.

I look forward to seeing you in October. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen. ■

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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

Woman's Convention

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
President, WBH & FMC

"The Family Standing In Faith"

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary Treasurer

"Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand." II Corinthians 1:24



Bronnie Daniels

Salem, who served as hosts to the Family Missions Conference, on Saturday, September 23, 2006.

We are grateful to God and all of you who shared with the Woman's Convention during the immediate past fiscal year.

We are grateful to God and Host Pastor Churn and Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Winston-

the Holy Spirit.

Supervisor Louise Lassiter and the Youth Department envision a sacrificial service in Christ Jesus. During this session the Youth Department will celebrate its centennial. Singing, praying, speaking, preaching, teaching, witnessing, confessing, worshipping, fellowshiping will occur. Please come and share in this experience of evangelism.

"Behold his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith."

My Bible Heroes (Youth Birth-5). Persons/organizations interested in having these studies may contact the Woman's Convention for these books and also for certified persons as instructors for the institute.

INSTITUTE WORKERS' CLINIC

On Saturday, October 14, 2006, at 10:00 A.M., will be the annual workshop session

for and with the corps of WBH&FMC certified institute workers. All of the certified persons are requested to come and share in this event.

Habakkuk 2:4

PRAYER MONTH FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

October is the month set aside to emphasize prayer for the Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University.

BAPTIST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Monday, November 6, 2006, the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is observed. Using a free published "Day of Prayer Program", women from Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, North America, and South West Pacific, usually near 11:00 A.M., meet at different locations on their respective continent. You are invited to share in this global prayer meeting in your local churches. You may secure now free copies of the program from the Office so that you can prepare for the prayer session in November. Please indicate the number of copies you will need.

MISSIONS BUDGET

The new fiscal year began September 1, 2006 and ends August 31, 2007. The proposed budget this year will be near \$819,055, which will be distributed among the objectives. Checks and money orders should be made payable and sent to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home And Foreign Missionary Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602.

ANNOUNCEMENT (A NEW MINISTRY)!!!! The WBH&FMC WESTERN ASSEMBLY

(All Persons, named in purpose, from Districts I, II, & III)

Introductory Statement:

For many a year the Woman's Convention has envisioned having getting acquainted/visionary meetings in different regions across the state. Thus under the leadership of President Daniels, the Woman's Convention seeks to implement this initiative.

Purpose(s):

- To inform pastors, church circles, missionary county unions, district conferences, auxiliaries, interested persons of the Mission of Jesus Christ through the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC, in assisting witnessing and missions-in action across the state, country, and globe.
- To allow interaction or dialogue between WBH&FMC officials/representatives and the above mentioned constituency in four (4) different settings across the state (one setting per quarter)
- To renew and/or cultivate new partners of missions for the Cause of Jesus Christ through with the Woman's Convention

Date: November 18, 2006
Time: 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Place: Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte
Contact Person: (Board member): Mrs. Robbie Diggs
Telephone Number: 704-597-1249

Suggested Format:

- Inspirational Period (local participants)
- Greetings (local participants)
- Presentation (WBH&FMC officials/representatives)
- Congregation Interaction
- Sermonette (local pastor)
- Altar Call (local pastor)
- Benediction

(To be prepared by WBH&FMC)

Attendees: All above named persons in Districts I, II, & III

District Chairpersons:

District	Group	Chairperson
1	1	Vacant
1	2	Vacant
2	1	Vacant
2	2	Mrs. Mary Carter
3	1	Ms. Rebecca Brown
3	2	Mrs. Edna Allen

2006 YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

On Saturday, November 4, 2006, at 9:00 A.M., the Annual Youth Evangelism Conference of the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention will convene.

Youth (along with supervisors, pastors, and parents) of churches, union, auxiliaries, and district conferences should come to this event. Youth and others need to bring their Bibles and liberal offerings and pray to be filled with

INSTITUTES

Last year many of you participated in institutes under the auspices of the Woman's Convention. It is now time to begin Christian missionary studies for the new year's institutes. The books recommended for this year's study are: **Breaking Strongholds in the African American Family** (Seniors and Young Adults); **Soul Break** (Youth, 12-20); **Ten Commandments** (Youth, 9-11); **He's Risen! He's Alive** (Youth 6-8);

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Coast region. The goal of the Ministry is to identify forty (40) pastors across the country who will make a three year commitment to support forty (40) churches and pastors in New Orleans.

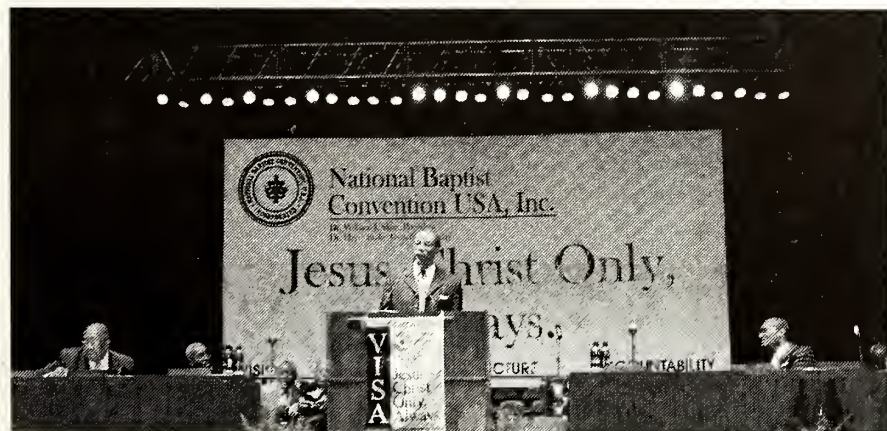
The Ministry objectives are:

- To provide support for pastors who lost churches and income as a result of the hurricane,
- To develop a strategy to help churches rebuild,
- To provide moral and spiritual support for pastors and members who need specialized attention and encouragement.

After the breakfast, the delegation toured New Orleans' Ninth Ward, where miles after miles of homes continue to

lie in ruins. At 12:00 noon the delegation gathered at the New Orleans Convention Center for a **City-Wide Remembrance**

Renewal Rebirth Service for an inter-faith and interdenominational prayer vigil. Governmental reflections were given by Louisiana Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco and Mayor C. Ray Nagin. The Rev. Dr. William J. Shaw also gave remarks about rebirth. The Keynote speaker for the occasion was Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, Pastor, Gethsemane Church of God in Christ, Lafayette, LA; Bishop of First Jurisdiction of LA; General Board Member Church of God in Christ, Inc. ■



From Dallas, Chairman Grant preaches (9-8-06) during the Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Support and Elect Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch For Second Vice President

Shall assist the President in the operation of the convention and shall perform all the duties peculiar to this office. He Shall chair the committee for the Department of Foreign Mission.

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch has been the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC since 1997. Dr. Lynch is a fifth generation preacher in his family with over 25 years of experience in ministry. Born in Greensboro, NC raised in Durham, NC, Dr. Lynch received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro a Master of Divinity Degree from Duke University Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary.

A noted revivalist, speaker and lecturer Dr. Lynch is currently the 3rd Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc., past president of the GBSC Minister's Council, former 3rd Vice Moderator and Institute Dean of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association and instructor in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Congress of Christian Education.

"Fire exists by burning and the church exists by missions"
Emil Brunner - Swiss Protestant Theologian

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What is State Missions anyway?

Excellent question! Think of State Missions as the gas that runs the car. Without gasoline (and without State Missions), the car won't run (and the Convention cannot operate). Our State Missions expenses fall into two categories: OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING.

OPERATIONS include:

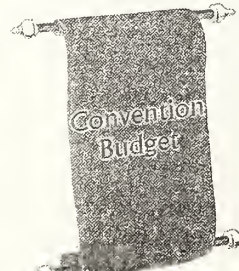
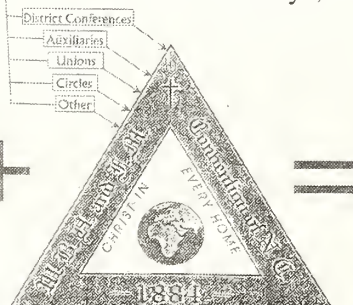
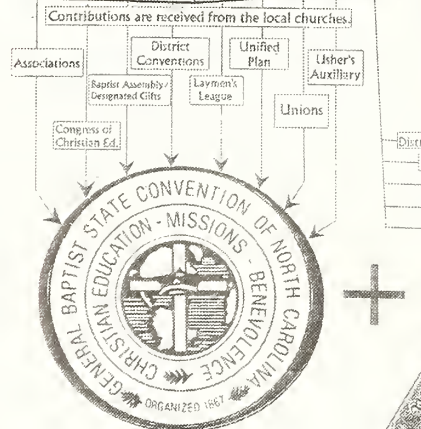
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dial services, lawn upkeep and grass cutting, heating & air conditioning maintenance, plumbing, upkeep of swimming pool, and certified

pool operators and life guards. Expenses for each Session of the Parent Body and Auxiliaries which includes: Rental of facilities like convention centers, printing of materials for Sessions, preparation of registration kits and badges, staff travel to make arrangement for host pastors and host Churches, lodging for staff and special guests. Banquet costs including food, rental of space, service fees, mailings, publicity and advertising, awards and plaques.

ALMOST \$700,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS EACH YEAR. ALMOST \$160,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR PROGRAMMING EACH YEAR.



Give Them Something To Eat

Dr. A.T. Griffey, III
Statistician

Our world is full of people in deep Spiritual need. Most have never placed their trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and are literally starving right before our eyes. But even many Brothers and Sisters who love the Lord are desperately hungry to know Him more, or they have been wounded and are in need of long term Spiritual nourishment.

God's Word tells us to have open

eyes and a soft heart such that we can recognize the needs and bring them before our Father in prayer; "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6). But then we are told to carefully listen for God's leading and fully expect to be put to work.

One afternoon, a crowd of over 5000 people had gathered to hear Jesus teach; "He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing"

(Luke 9:11). The disciples saw it was getting late and would soon be time to eat. They recognized the need of the people, came before Jesus, and "presented their request."

Luke 9:12-13

"Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to Him and said, 'Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.' He replied, 'You give them something to eat.' (End quote)

When the disciples approached Jesus, they presented the need...but they also presented their solution. They knew the people were growing hungry, but their solution was to send them elsewhere for food. We often make this same mistake when we limit God by our own vision and understanding. Jesus' solution to this need was to bless the few provisions the disciples could gather and then accomplished His work through their hands; "They all ate and were satisfied" (Luke 9:17).

God never asks us to do something

without also providing the necessary tools to accomplish all He desires. We have been empowered by His Spirit and equipped through His Word. Yes, we must continue to pray; but our prayers ought to be with an understanding that God may very well direct US to carry His life-giving food and be a vessel for His healing.

There can be no greater work here on earth than to take part in restoring someone's relationship to our Heavenly Father. Only God can truly heal, but He has invited us to join Him in this awesome work. Let's continue to lift up the many needs to God in prayer, but then let's prepare for His answer - His invitation - which calmly says, "You give them something to eat."



Dr. A.T. Griffey

Thank You

To: The General Baptist State Convention Family

I am grateful, indeed, for the high measure of understanding and support which has been given me.

Thank You,
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Christian Women: Growing in the fruit of the Spirit

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Christian Women: Growing in the Fruit
of the Spirit
by Deacon Faye T. Dunbar



Portia H.
Brandon

Christian Women: Growing in the Fruit was the theme of the 2006 Women's Retreat sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Martin Street Baptist Church. The retreat convened at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro, NC on August 25-26, 2006. Thirty-five women departed from



Raleigh via a chartered bus.

Galatians 5: 22-23 was the scripture. The group arrived early enough to get settled and to have a prayer and praise service before dinner. A spirited



and awesome service was held in the Outdoor Chapel overlooking the lake. Deacon Carolyn Rogers led the service, which included hymns, spirituals, scriptures, testimonies and prayers.

After dinner, the evening session began with devotion led by the Praise

Team(Alicia Graves and Jan Sinclair), Evelyn Liles read the scripture and Deacon Faye Dunbar prayed. Vice President Maggie Faulcon welcomed everyone. Next we heard Sister Portia Brandon, Christian Education Coordinator of GBSC of NC as well as Managing Editor of the Baptist Informer. She was the keynote speaker whose topic was "Keeping Your Fruit Fresh", Practicing the Art of Forgiveness. Joseph was the main focus of the message as she illustrated how Joseph forgave his brothers. As Sister Brandon related the story of Joseph the participants sat in awe.

As soon as the evening session was over we had a Sisters of Faith PJ (Praise Jesus Party). President Stephanie Sanders led the activities for the party. Most participants received and index card. One color was green that represented one of the Fruit of the Spirit and the other card was orange that represented another. We read and interpreted the scriptures that related to each. This was an interesting and meaningful activity.

Saturday, August 26, 2006 after breakfast, we began with Deacon Paula Sawyer presiding. Devotion was spirited with the Praise Team; Rowena Springs read the scripture and Deacon Doris Alston prayed. Rev. Portia Rochelle, Pastor-Teacher, of Word for Transformation Church and Outreach Center, led sessions. Session 1 was Cultivating Your Fruit based on Galatians 5: 22-25 and John 15. Rev. Rochelle stated that: "To cultivate and

effective fruitful life, we must view", *Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit* as more that high octane spiritual additives. It is one thing to talk about spiritual fruit, but God wants us to live it out in our lives". The highlight was a skit with wonderful volunteers. The gist of

the skit was a quick fix religion."

"Harvesting the Bounty" was the topic of the second session facilitated by Rev. Rochelle. John 15 was the focal



scripture for this session. We were asked, "Are you connected to the Right Vine?" and What are you growing on your vines? Following a mini lecture the participants worked in groups to fulfill instructions directed by Rev. Rochelle. Each group received an envelope with a Fruit of the Spirit written on it. Several activities were required. At the end of the session each group illustrated the Fruit of the Spirit through a skit.

Following lunch the keynote speaker, Sister Brandon spoke on "What's in

Your Fruit Bowl?" During this message Sister Brandon related the story of Ruth. Again the women were amazed and Sister Brandon said, "It is in the scrip-

tures." Some of the principles that were illustrated by Ruth were meekness, goodness, be a good steward, and whom God calls, he equips for the journey.

The concluding phase of the Retreat was Sister Shirley Bullock and Rev. Minnie McKoy led Recommitment/Rededication. The women were given an opportunity to reflect, recommit and rededicate for the journey of Christian Women: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit.

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Courage for the New Day

Dear Members and Delegates of the GBSC

The time is approaching upon us who love and support the General Baptist State Convention to make a decision regarding our choice for President of our great convention. I trust that you have already acquainted yourselves with my platform and with who I am as a person. After you have scrutinized all the candidates for this position, it is my belief that you will conclude that I am the best candidate.

Let me assure you that I have no secret agendas. I publicly commit myself to support all the auxiliaries and objectives of this convention. I am straightforward and will always do what I think is right. Many of you are aware that I have created a little agitation. But I say to you, "Some action only comes through agitation." Allow me to share a little of myself with you and why I think I deserve your support and vote on November 1, 2006.

BACKGROUND

I grew up in Louisburg, North Carolina in a Christian environment. My mother and grandfather, both deceased, were staunch Missionary Baptists and I have been a Missionary Baptist all my life. My grandfather, the late Rev. S. P. Massenburg was a Baptist Minister and I had the privilege of attending many convention settings with him and the late Rev. S. G. Dunston.

I am a graduate of Perry's High School, Louisburg, North Carolina. I received my Bachelor of Science in Commerce from North Carolina Central University and my Juris Doctorate from the NCCU Law

School. I earned my Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Andersonville Theological Seminary, Camilla, Georgia and also studied at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC and Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, NC.

In March, 1991, I accepted the Pastorate of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church where I have served continuously for fifteen years. I was elected Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association in July, 1997, and was appointed Moderator of Moderators for the General Baptist State Convention by former President, Dr. John D. Fuller. Presently, I serve as President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and Vicinity. I am married to Barbara Wess Smith, a teacher with the Durham Public Schools. We have two children, Kendra and Joshua.

MY PLATFORM

**** I BELIEVE IN BOLD AND RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP.** I will make and follow through on recommendations and decisions that I believe are in the best interest of the Convention. Our convention deserves no less.

**** I BELIEVE IN ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.** I will demand and require that all convention delegates receive a complete and detail report of all financial matters regarding the

convention. You deserve to know the condition of the convention whether it is good or bad.

**** I WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE CONVENTION ESTABLISH A MEDIATION OR ARBITRATION BOARD**

TO RESOLVE CONFLICT. It is inevitable that some conflict will arise whether it is in our churches, associations or convention body. There needs to be a credible body that one can

appeal his/her grievance(s) without having to resort to a legal remedy.

**** I WILL BEGIN A SERIOUS DISCUSSION REGARDING GBSC HEAD-QUARTERS BUILDING.**

Development is taking place all around our headquarters and it is time that we talk seriously about renovations or a new facility.

**** I WILL DEMAND THAT WE FOLLOW-UP ON THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.**

There is serious need to give clarity to responsibilities and job descriptions of committees, commissions and Board Members. This can best be accomplished in Bylaws.

**** I WILL USE MY POSITION TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY CHURCH REGARDLESS OF SIZE OR PRESTIGE FEEL THAT SHE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CONVENTION.** I

believe that how one feels is very much connected to how much one gives.

**** I WILL DEMAND THAT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES, ASSOCIATIONS OR PERSONS DESIGNATED TO ONE OR MORE OF THE OBJECTIVE CONTINUE TO BE FORWARDED IN A TIMELY MANNER.** To this we can afford no less.

**** I WILL PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS.** Each Vice-President will be responsible to pastors and churches within his/her region. This will help to restore credibility, increase church participation and financial giving.

**** I WILL ENCOMPASS THE PAST WHILE EMBRACING THE FUTURE.** In order to have an inclusive convention, we need to understand our past as we prepare for the future.

**** I WILL BE FAIR, FIRM AND PROFESSIONAL IN PERFORMING MY DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF GBSC.**

Lastly, as a result of some decisions made within the convention, whether right or wrong, many have been wounded and hurt. We must find a way to mend these fences so that we can create the harmony, respect, unity and love that is befitting our great convention.

ON NOVEMBER 1, 2006, SUPPORT, VOTE AND ELECT DR. JAMES W. SMITH FOR PRESIDENT OF GBSC.



Dr. James W. Smith

One of the Objectives of GBSC

General Baptist Convention Moderators Join CASES Assembly at Shaw University

Raleigh, NC – (August 31, 2006) Every Tuesday at Shaw University is Shaw Pride Day. The new students of

in attendance.. Dr. Haywood Gray, also a Board of Trustee member, is the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and pre-



the University are beautifully dressed in Shaw Dress for Cultural Academic and Spiritual Enrichment Seminars (CASES) in the Thomas J. Boyd Chapel.

August 29th was very special and historic because Moderators from the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina attended the occasion. Each one, representing different regions, stood and introduced themselves to the packed congregation.

Moderators represent 62 regions and 100 counties across the state of North Carolina. They coordinate the mission and objectives of the General Baptist State Convention. Dr. Charles T. Bullock, a Board of Trustee member of the University, is the President and was

sented Dr. Clarence G. Newsome, President of Shaw University, with a check for \$12,134 from the Convention. Students cheered and clapped loudly to this generous gift towards the continued scholarship initiatives of the University.

Dr. Quincy Scott, Dean of the Chapel, preached a powerful display of spiritual empowerment and the University choir, led by Dr. Lonietta Cornwall rendered musical selections. The occasion ended with everyone locked arm in arm singing the words of the Alma Mater. An objective of CASES is to ensure that new students learn the words written by Harry Payne, Class of 1935.

Shaw University Homecoming Activities 2006

Date	Time	Event	Location	Cost
09/26	TBD	Crowning of Miss Shaw University	Fletcher Memorial	All Welcome
10/05		SGA Induction Ceremony	Estey Hall	All Welcome
10/05		Kereoke "Night with the Stars"	Willie E. Gary Student Union	Free
10/06		Crowning of Miss CAPE (All Sites)	Willie E. Gary Student Union	All Welcome
10/06	9:00 p.m.	Bowling Night	Western Lanes	\$5/Door
10/07	1:30 p.m.	Shaw University vs. Bowie State	Garner Sr. High School	TBD
10/07		Homecoming 2006 "Jump Off Party"	Speulding Gymnasium	
10/08	11:00 a.m.	Opening Worship Service	Thomas J. Boyd Chapel	All Welcome
10/08	4:30 p.m.	Shaw Pride "Poster Party"	Willie E. Gary Student Union	Free
10/09		Adoption Day	The Quad	
10/9		Mid-Day Jam & Cookout	The Quad	
10/9		Student Mixer	Beers Den	Free
10/10		Bears Clean-Up	The Quad	
10/11	10:30 a.m.	Leonard Medical School Commemoration	Thomas J. Boyd Chapel	All Welcome
10/11		Lyrics Lounge	Cafeteria	Free
10/11	7:00 p.m.	Crowning of Miss Homecoming	Estey Hall Auditorium	All Welcome
10/11	10:00 p.m.	Talent Show	Spaulding Gymnasium	\$7/Person
10/12	9:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament	Crooked Creek Golf Course	TBD
10/12	Noon	Lunch Hot Off of the Grill	Shaw Farm	TBD
10/12	8:00 a.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting	Estey Hall	
10/12		Shaw Family Feud	Bears Den	Free
10/12	7:00 p.m.	Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet	Speulding Gymnasium	TBD
10/12	10:00 p.m.	Hall of Fame Reception	Shaw Farm	Banquet Ticket
10/12		Shaw Pride Party in the Den	Bears Den	Free
10/13	8:00 a.m.	50 th Class Reunion Breakfast	Riddick Room	TBD
10/13	9:30 a.m.	Memorial Service	Memorial Garden	All Welcome
10/13	11:00 a.m.	Founder's Day Convocation	Progress Energy Center	All Welcome
10/13	1:00 p.m.	Shaw Family Reunion	Lawn of Estey Hall	All Welcome
10/13	1:00 p.m.	50 th Class Reunion Reception	Shaw Farm	Contributions
10/13	7:00 p.m.	Alumni Banquet	Sheraton Capital Center	\$60/Person
10/13	9:00 p.m.	NAA All Class Reunion Dance	Sheraton Capital Center	\$10/Person
10/13	10:00 p.m.	Homecoming Step Show	Spaulding Gymnasium	\$10/Shaw/\$15 (Non-Shaw Students \$15)
10/14	7:30 a.m.	National Alumni Association Meeting	Willie E. Gary Student Union	Alumni
10/14	9:00 a.m.	Homecoming Parade	Downtown Raleigh	
10/14	10:00 a.m.	Willie E. Gary Alumni Reception	Sheraton Capital Center	All Welcome
10/14	1:30 p.m.	Homecoming Game vs. VA Union	Garner Sr. High School	TBD
10/14	Post-Game	Bear Boosters Club "You Know How We Do It" Tailgate	Shaw Farm	TBD
10/14	10:00 p.m.	Releigh/Wake Alumni Chapter "2 for 1 Party"	Sheraton Capital Center	\$30/Person
10/14	10:00 p.m.	Booster Club Mixer	Shaw Farm	\$5.00
10/15	11:00 a.m.	Closing Worship Service	Thomas J. Boyd Chapel	All Welcome
		Shaw Farm Open Daily 10:00 a.m. - Midnight		

Central Children's Home of North Carolina

1. How many children? (Old vs. New Capacity: Reduction Factor) According to "Oral History" accounts, there were more than 300 children in the



Rev. Ricky Banks

early days. However, the highest recorded number was 245 cited in the Annual Report of the Colored Orphanage dated July 1, 1929 - June 30, 1930. Other Annual Reports from the 1930's to 1970's record between 140-160 children residing on campus. During a similar period between 1925-1971, there were an additional 200 or more students from the neighborhood attending the 1st-8th grades at Angier B. Duke School, which was also located on campus. Likewise, it simply appeared as though there were several hundred students in the "Orphanage" throughout our history. However, there was a dramatic reduction in the presence of students on campus as a result of "Public School Integration." Simultaneously,

governmental officials mandated downsizing of "orphanages" with dormitories to smaller family style living units called "cottages." Therefore, we are proud of our compliance by providing (5) cottages for 56 co-ed children which meet the standards of the new millennium.

2. What is your annual budget?

The annual operating budget is in the 1-2 million dollars range. Governmental revenues (medicaid, foster care payments, food subsidy and soil conservation funds) total 69.9% of the annual budget. Contributions from the General Baptist State Convention and the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention total 17.4%. Private, Civic, Fraternal, Duke Endowment, Parrish Endowment and the United Way contribute 8.9%. Special capital improvement grants and college scholarship contributions equal 3.8% of total revenues. Additionally, Program Services expenses total 81.7% and Higher Education expenses total 5.1%. Management and General

Expenses total 12.8% and Fund Raising totals 0.4% of the overall expense budget.

Campus Needs

- (7) - Printers(Z605) Lexmar & Ink Cartridges
- Phone Cards
- Batteries (sizes: "AA", "AAA", "C", "D" and "9volt")
- Bath Towels/Wash Cloths/Kitchen Towel Sets
- Flatware Silver for Cafeteria
 - (serve approximately: 100 people)
 - (5 doz. spoons, forks each)
- Twin Sheets Sets/Mattress Pads
- Plastic Twin Mattress Covers
- Bed Pillows/Plastic Covers
- (7) - Shut-off Irons, (7) - Vacuum Cleaners
- (2) Microwaves
- (7) DVD/VCR Video Combo Players
- Hosiery (stockings/socks), Underwear (assorted sizes)
- Luggage (large/small) /Duffle Bags
- Retail Gift Cards

Relatives, friends and social workers are encouraged to visit the children.

The children are permitted to have weekend visits off campus and vacations with the approval of the social agency/legal guardian and the institution. For more information, please contact our social service department at (919) 693-1254.

Contact Us

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Antioch, Charlotte	1,430.92	Greater St. Paul, Durham	9,500.00	Peace Missionary, Durham	W. E. Daye	700.00
Antioch, South Mills	100.00	Greater Welch, Tyner	200.00	Pender City Missionary Union, Maple Hill		150.00
Bazell Creek, Fuquay-Varina, NC	350.00	Hart's Chapel, Rocky Mount	Elijah R. Harris	Pine Grove, Asheville	Leslie Hines	3,620.00
Belton Creek, Oxford	Anthony Cozart	High Point Ed. & MBA, Oak Ridge, SC	1,078.40	Piney Grove, Wingate	C. C. Craig	1,600.00
Bethlehem, Winnabow	2,031.00	Hooper's Chapel, Leland	990.00	Piney Wood Chapel, Powellsville		300.00
Big Macedonia, Supply	200.00	Ingold First, Ingold	6,369.63	Pleasant Grove-Calabash, Ash		250.00
Blackwell, Yanceyville	Everett Dickerson	Juniper Level, Raleigh	1,081.90	Pleasant Grove, Wendell		975.50
Brunswick Waccamaw Assn., Whiteville	670.00	Kemba, Inc., Wilson	1,000.00	Pleasant Hill, Charlotte	James A. Cuthbertson	1,950.00
Bryant Swamp, Blandenboro	4,180.67	Laymen's League Union Bapt Assn., Fayetteville	2,500.00	Pleasant Hill, Shallotte		5,000.00
Cedar Creek, Fayetteville	250.00	Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville	John D. Fuller, Sr.	Pleasant View, Shallotte		500.00
Cedar Grove, Supply	Freeman Gause	Little Macedonia, Supply	26,000.00	Pleasant View, St. Paul		60.00
Cedar Grove, Whiteville	4,000.00	Little Wheel Of Hope, Lake Waccamaw	James Fullwood	Providence, Kernersville		673.00
Christian Faith, Raleigh	David C. Forbes, Sr.	London, Roanoke Rapids	E. Fleming, Sr.	Reeder Memorial, Charlotte	Don Steger	24,000.00
County Line, Oxford	22,313.45	Macedonia, Wilmington	50.00	Rising Ebenezer, Winston-Salem, NC		640.00
District 6 Group 2, Ocean Isle Beach	6,375.00	Mars Hill, Winston-Salem	1,500.00	Roanoke Salem, Garysburg	Robert E. Sessoms	1,440.00
Durham County Miss Union, Durham	500.00	Martin Street, Raleigh	220.00	Royal Chapel, Ivanhoe		2,000.00
Durham County Union, Durham	100.00	Metropolitan, Rocky Mount	1,906.00	Second St. Paul Baptist, Hallsboro		160.00
East Cumberland Co. Union, Autryville	100.00	Michael Street, Stovall	400.00	Shady Grove, Louisburg		200.00
East White Oak Miss, Greensboro	Josie W. Gatson	Middle District Assn., Burgaw	508.00	Shiloh, Henderson		500.00
Ebenezer, Charlotte	Leonzo D. Lynch	Ministerial Union Of Asheville & Buncombe, NC	13,052.60	Shiloh, Shelby	Geraldine Carlton	775.00
Ebenezer, Wilmington	Albert L. Gee	Moore's Chapel, New Bern	C. B. Chadwick	Shiloh, Wilmington	C. K. Ferguson	6,215.00
Elm Grove, Reidsville	Clarence Johnson	Moore's Chapel, Newport	100.00	Smithfield First,	Lacy Joyner	1,000.00
Emmanuel, Winston-Salem	John Mendez	Mt. Calvary, Sanford	300.00	Spring Green, Warrenton		100.00
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First African, Goldsboro	G. Patricia L. Stokes	Mt. Gilead, Durham	Leroy E. Davis	Springfield Memorial, Stanley, NC		400.00
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First Baptist, Enfield	375.00	Mt. Peace Baptist Assn.	100.00	St. John's, Maple Hill		8,200.00
First Baptist, Fayetteville	Cureton L. Johnson	Mt. Peace, Raleigh	J. Vincent Terry, Sr.	St. John Missionary, Red Oak	Herbert C. Scott	178.94
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First Missionary, Concord	700.00	Neuse River Assn., Weldon	1,803.00	United Progressive, Winston-Salem		250.00
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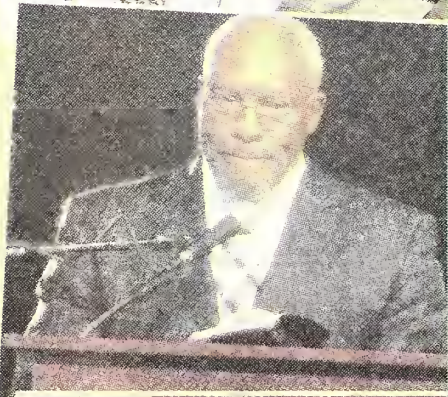
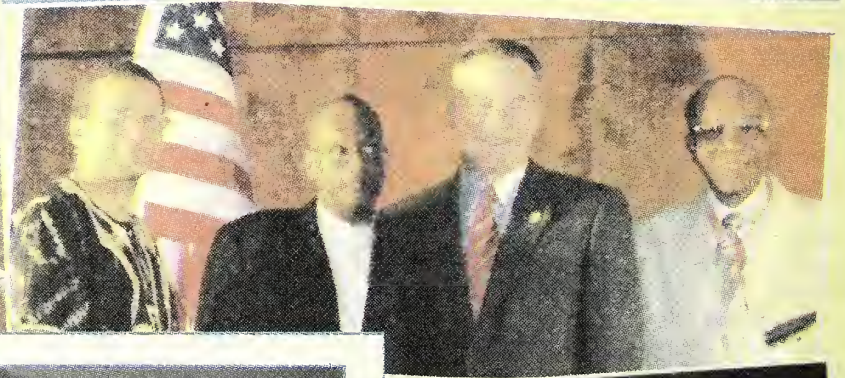
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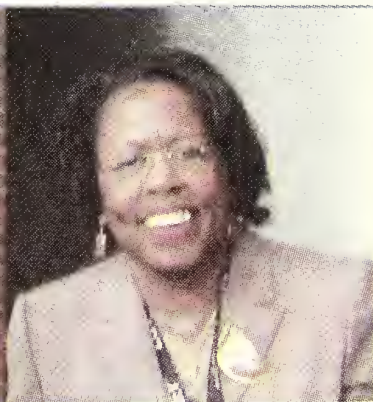


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Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention



*Dr. Rev. Henry & Mrs. Hermina Mugabe, from Zimbabwe
attended Mrs. Portia Brandon's Class*



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 August 14-18, 2006 - Richmond, Virginia
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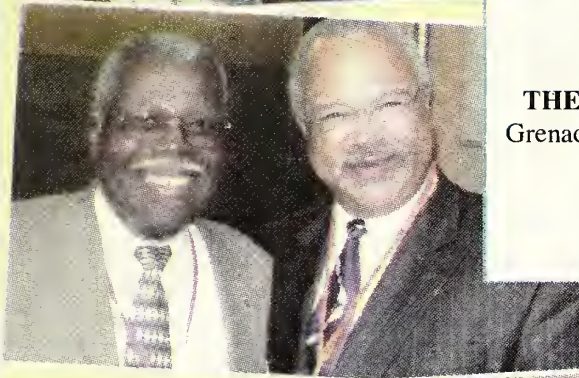
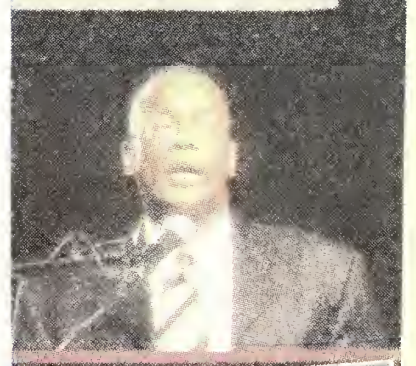
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Alzheimer's Faith Based Initiative

The African American church has always been pivotal in serving its members and the community from voting rights, diabetes, hypertension, abuse, to HIV/AIDS, just to name a few.

"The opportunity to educate thousands in North Carolina through the work of the Alzheimer's Association Eastern North Carolina Chapter and its faith-based initiative spearheaded, by Reverend Doctor Cynthia Duarte of Tabernacle Community Christian Church is an exciting and far-reaching prospect" states Executive Director, Alice Watkins.

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common cause of dementia, affecting as many as 5 million Americans. AD results in impaired memory, thinking, and behavior and can last years from the time of the initial onset of symptoms. Warning signs of AD are memory loss that affects job/home skills, difficulty performing familiar tasks, problems finding the right words, disorientation as to time and place, poor or decreased judgment, difficulty with learning and abstract thinking, placing things in inappropriate places, changes in mood and personality, and marked loss of initiative. In the last stage of AD, patients are unable to take care of themselves. Recent research has shown links between particular genes and Alzheimer's disease, but in about 90% of AD cases, there is no clear genetic link.

Reverend Duarte has experienced first hand the impact of dementia and the stress it can bring to a family. While attending Duke Divinity School she would travel to Virginia on weekends to visit with her mother and sometimes had to acknowledge, "Mom doesn't know me." She says the two hour drive back to North Carolina allowed some time for processing

the experience.

Alzheimer's disease affects African Americans more than other ethnic groups, therefore, education is the key to making a difference'. While the role of the



church is not to diagnose or medicate, the church can be a sounding board to listen, inform, educate, and support people with AD and their caregivers. No agency can fully serve a community not willing to discuss the question, 'How can we help?'

What we hope to accomplish

The work of the Initiative is to:

- ✓ Educate and inform church members about Alzheimer's disease;
- ✓ Examine scriptural support for aging and what it might look like for the church to provide pastoral support to people with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers;
- ✓ Serve as a bridge to services and service providers;
- ✓ Decrease health disparities related to AD and the African American population.

This will be accomplished through the current work of the Alzheimer's Association and direct con-

tact with area churches. Some churches have already taken advantage of the initiative and all churches are encouraged to join these efforts by taking advantage of the work of this important Initiative free of charge by contacting Reverend Duarte at the Alzheimer's Association Eastern N C Chapter at 919-832-3732 or toll free 1-800-228-8738 to schedule a meeting.

The Eastern North Carolina Chapter provides family support, community education, public awareness and supports research for the prevention, cure and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The Chapter serves 51 of North Carolina's counties (from the Triangle to the Coast). Over 130,000 people in North Carolina are affected by Alzheimer's and these numbers are expected to quadruple by the year 2025.

The Chapter provides assistance with information, educational programs and services to patients, their families, health care professionals and the general public. Through support groups, Helpline and networking with other nonprofits and local, state and federal agencies, additional information and care are provided.

Raising awareness in a single church, family, or community will ultimately raise awareness in society at large and can be a tool for fighting the cultural stigma and stereotypes associated with Alzheimer's and other dementias as well as other diseases.

*By Reverend Doctor Cynthia Duarte, Pastor
Tabernacle Community Christian Church.*

¹ Ayalon, Arian. 2004. p. 51-57

The Center's New Health and Wellness Ministry Registry

*Dr. Anita Holmes
Executive Director*

The Center for Health and Healing, the Health and Human Services arm of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, is always looking for opportunities to serve the churches of the Convention and their surrounding communities. In an effort to be of better service, the Center is developing a Health and Wellness Ministry Registry. Once a Health and Wellness Ministry signs-up, they will receive free health information and resources, the Center's

Quarterly Newsletter, information about Lay Health Advocate opportunities for Health and Wellness Ministry members. Being directly connected to Health and Wellness

Ministry members across the state will help the Center relay important and helpful health related information to the churches in a timely manner and provide Health and Wellness Ministry members information about materials and resources for their congregations. For more information about the registry, con-

tact Toshia Davis Jordan at 919-72-6374 ext. 2 or toshia.davis@c4hh.org.



Dr. Anita Holmes

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REVEREND ANTHONETTE WRIGHT, M.DIV.

for

Recording Secretary

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



The Reverend Anthonette Wright is a native of Bunn, North Carolina. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Communication with a minor in Theatre, graduating in 1989 from Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. In addition, she holds a Master of Divinity degree from Shaw University Divinity School; Raleigh, North Carolina. She has been certified in the Christian Teacher Training Program at Shaw University Divinity School.

Reverend Anthonette Wright served as Senior Associate in Ministry at the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Bunn, North Carolina. She came into the Gospel Ministry under the leadership of the late Dr. Joseph C. Paige in September 1996. **She served as Assistant to the Pastor until his death.** She faithfully served as Youth Director, Sunday School Professor, Bible Study Professor, Women's Ministry Advisor, Baptist Training Union Advisor/President and Worship Leader. **Reverend Wright currently serves as Minister of Youth/Associate Minister at the Mount Peace Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina where the Reverend Doctor J. Vincent Terry, Sr. is Pastor.** Her duties include mentoring, career and life skills coordinating. She is a preacher, teacher, and leader servant for the Gospel Ministry. Reverend Wright is former Director of Christian Education at the **Orange Grove Missionary Baptist Church** in Durham, North Carolina. She served as Project Manager for **Shaw University Divinity School Domestic Abuse and Violence Ministry.** She also served as **Director of Church Relations** for the **General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Adoption and Foster Care Ministry**, the GBSC Adoption and Foster Care Committee. She currently serves as Recording Secretary for the Evangelism Ministry of the General Baptist State Convention. Reverend Wright is a Past President of the Franklin Area Clergical Ecumenical Society (F.A.C.E.S.); Franklin County Minister's Alliance. Reverend Wright is President/Owner of **Mo'Betta Productions** (A company dedicated to special events coordinating).

Reverend Wright has a strong sense of community and outreach. She serves in the Outreach Ministry of the Covenant Sisters, (a ministry dedicated to make the difference in the lives of those who have been abused, neglected and set aside.)

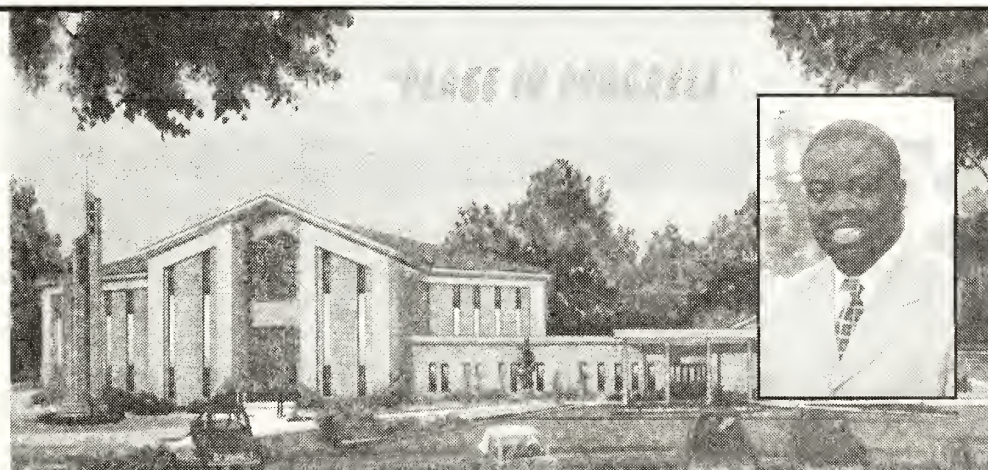
Reverend Wright follows this motto: "If a task is once begun, never quit until it's done. Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all." Reverend Wright is committed to the ministry for the cause of Christ.

J. Vincent Terry, Sr.

for

Fourth Vice President

General Baptist State Convention
of North Carolina, Inc.



- Native of Rockingham, North Carolina
- Grew up in the Pee Dee Association
- Member of Providence Baptist Church
- Entered Ministry at the age of 16, under the leadership of the late Reverend Robert T. Gilchrist
- Served as an Associate Minister under the late Reverend Doctor J.H. Ferguson
- Graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, NC
- Matriculated at Shaw University Divinity School, Raleigh, NC
- Holds a Doctor of Divinity from Apex School of Theology
- Called to Pastor Mount Peace Baptist Church (formerly Halifax Baptist Church) at the age of 19
- Has Pastored One (1) Church for over 23 years
- Under his leadership the Church has experienced growth (more than 2500)
- Executive Board Member of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.
- Immediate Past Vice-Moderator of the Johnson District Baptist Association
- Institute Director of the Johnston District Baptist Association
- Listed in the National Register's "Who's Who in Executives & Professionals" 2001-2002 Edition
- Married to Faye V. Terry and blessed with three (3) children Fallon Venise, James Vincent, Jr., Farrah Nicole



Pastoral Search Ministry Officers left to right: President of Pastoral Search Ministry, Deacon Ray Debnam; Portia Richardson, Assistant Secretary; Josephine Noble, Vice-Chairman Pastoral Search Ministry; Gaynelle Shorter, Secretary; Deacon William C. Glenn, Chairman of Deacon Board, Watts Chapel Baptist Church; and Dr. Harry L. White. Other members of the Pastoral Search Ministry not pictured are: Carolyn Traylor, Gloria Glenn, Reverend Chester Debnam, Jr., Isaac Kearney, Charles Holmes, Theodore David, and Deacon Keith Frederick.

Under The Leading Of the Lord, Watts Chapel Congregations Selects New Pastor

Submitted by Reverend Chester Debnam, Jr.

The Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, located at 3703 Tryon Road in Raleigh, NC is pleased to welcome the **Reverend Dr. Harry L. White, Jr.** and his family to their congregation. Pastor White assumed the position of Senior Pastor of Watts Chapel on August 1, 2006.

Reverend White is an honors graduate of Howard University in Washington, DC where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and African American Studies. Reverend White holds a Masters of Divinity degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, where he also served

as Assistant to the President of the seminary. Reverend White holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Beeson Divinity School, Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

Reverend White served as a Legislative Aid to Congressman Floyd Flake from 1991 to August 1993. He served as Executive Minister at Omega Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio from June 1996 to December 1997. He served as Minister of Discipleship and Youth at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio from January 1998 to April 1998. Reverend White served as Senior Pastor of the Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio from March 1998 until July 31, 2006. Reverend White served as an adjunct instructor of

Religious Studies at the College of Mount Saint Joseph, the University of Cincinnati and the Northern Kentucky University.

Reverend White is married to the former Shauntae Renee Brown of Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Shauntae Brown White is currently serving as assistant professor of Rhetoric and Black World Studies at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She hopes to assume a position at a college or university in the area. The Whites are the proud parents of four-year old Nia Imara White, and seven-month old Kai Simone White.

The Watts Chapel family is blessed of God by Reverend White's wisdom and Biblical knowledge. The Pastoral Search Ministry and congregation

believe God has sent us a capable manservant who will favorably impact Watts Chapel and the surrounding communities in kingdom building.

Dr. White is currently teaching Wednesday night Bible Study on "The Book of Joshua: A New Beginning." Bible Study begins at 7:00 P.M. Sunday Morning Worship Service begins at 11:00 A.M. Watts Chapel is located on Tryon Road near the Gorman Street exit 295 from the I-440 Beltline.

Reverend Chester Debnam, Jr.
Phone: 919-828-8057
Fax: 919-828-0232
Email: c.debnam@worldnet.att.net

Announcing the New GBSC Website Coming October 2006!

One feature of the new GBSC Website will be the posting of links to the websites of Churches in the General Baptist State Convention. Visitors to the GBSC Website will be able to connect to your Church's home page with only a click! (We can also list Association websites!) Think of the increased traffic to your Church's website as the 500,000 General Baptists in North Carolina find your Church's space on the web! There is no charge for listing your Church's website. However, the following form needs to be submitted to the Baptist Headquarters.



Permission is hereby granted by the undersigned for the posting of a link to our Church's website on the website of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have the proper authority to permit this posting and that I and our Church hold the GBSC harmless from any outcome from the posting of the website below:

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This is an important issue to all of us who are in the ministry because dying without adequate coverage has a negative economic impact on our church budgets, and a negative social impact on the families that we serve. Many within our congregations cannot handle this reality alone; and therefore they turn to the church for help.

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina remains aligned with North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company to provide a solution to this problem and a benefit to your church for being a partner in this fight to drastically reduce or eliminate this negative outcome.

The solution is called SELECT VIP and it is a group universal life insurance program that can be offered through your church to every member. There are not medical exams required, and insurance coverage can be obtained for as little as \$3.00 per week. There is no cost to the church for administering the program; in fact, the church will make an administrative fee of \$50.00 for each application submitted through the program.

We will be holding an information session and workshop on this topic on Tuesday morning October 31, 2006 during the Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem. We encourage all of you to call us toll free at 866-687-4631 and reserve your seat for this session.

This is a very important issue and now is the time to act. We cannot afford to let another disciple in Christ pass away and leave his or her family in financial straits and the church in the unenviable position of having to say "no...we cannot help you pay for the funeral."

Your truly,
Dexter Vincent Perry
Sr. Wealth Planner
General Baptist Foundation

Highlights of 2006 Annual Session

Monday, October 30, 2006

1:00 pm-General Board Meeting

Evangelism Late Night Worship

Sermon-Reverend Dr. Howard Parker, 1st Vice President

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

Official Opening of Convention

"Building Wealth From the Pew to the Pulpit Workshops"

Benton Convention Center,

A continental breakfast will be provided free of charge to you.

Pastor & Church Employee Benefits Plans

Learn how your church can sponsor a retirement plan and provide crucial benefits such as group life insurance, group disability, and group health insurance through the Ministers and Missionaries Benefits Board.

NC Saves, NC Cash, and Biz World

An introduction to the NC Saves Campaign and the NC Cash Campaign as two of the N. C. State

Treasurer's volunteer initiatives. Also learn about a program that your church can use that teaches youth about business.

Life Insurance

Discussion of the different types of life insurance, which type is right for you, which one's you don't want to be without, and how your church can sponsor a group life insurance program to cover funeral expenses of members.

Health Issues Facing Our Community

Come join Dr. Anita Holmes and the Center for Health and Healing as we discuss the critical health issues facing congregations across the state and useful tips and strategies to improve your health?

Social Security Administration

Social Security update including Medicare, Medicare D prescription drug cost assistance. Medicare supplement Plans. Long-Term Care Plans, & the pro's & con's of clergy opting out of social security.

Church Loan Programs

Come learn about the four different

sources of funding available to complete your church building project.

President's Reception

President's Banquet

Keynote Speaker
Dr. J. Michael Sanders
Former President
Lott Carey Foreign
Missionary Convention

Evangelism Late Night Worship

Sermon-Reverend Dr. Leonzo D Lynch, 3rd Vice President, GBSC

Wednesday, November 1, 2006-

GBSC Parent Body Election Day

Evangelism Late Night Worship

Sermon-Reverend Nilous Avery, II
2nd Vice President, GBSC

Thursday, November 2, 2006

-Closing Session-Mt Zion Baptist Church - Winston Salem

Installation of GBSC Parent Body Officers

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- (4) Exhibit Setup Begins on: Monday October 24 – Starting at 7:00 AM
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Limited Space

Vendors and Private Business Policy

All persons seeking to reserve and/or rent exhibit space for the purpose of selling, showcasing, or informational purposes, should submit an application along with full rental payment to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. by **October 13th, 2006**.

All rental exhibit spaces should be approved by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of GBSC or the person authorized to act on his behalf.

All checks/money orders should be made payable to the General Baptist State Convention (GBSC).

Certified checks, cashier checks, and money orders may be submitted on-site the day of the event providing **pre-arrangements have been approved**.

Vendors will be notified upon receipt of application and payment.

The General Baptist State Convention will not be liable for any damages to personal property sustained on-site of the event.

The General Baptist State Convention will make arrangements for each vendor to have one table and one chair for each rental space.

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The General Baptist State Convention does not make any representations regarding your potential profit or loss. Accordingly, there will be no refunds given due to poor attendance at any event or poor sales by any of the vendors.

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By Dr. Charles T. Bullock
President GBSC

To Serve The Present Age

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-12).

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill, O may it all my pow'rs engage to do my Master's will.

I praised God and thank you for the opportunity afforded me to serve as your president. There were some things accomplished that could have only been accomplished by the guiding hand of Almighty God. During my tenure as your president, God gave me the grace and the will to face the issues before us. Like the Apostle Paul when he wrote Second Corinthians, "sometimes troubled, yet not distressed, sometimes perplexed, but not in despair." Some things were accomplished that were not in the initial plan; there were some others that I hoped to be accomplished, but were not.

Thank you for the prayers, support and confidence you placed in me to serve you as president. There have been some serious challenges, but we were not defeated by them. By the grace and power of God, He blessed us to accept the challenges and depend upon His guidance. He gave us courage to seek solutions, and wisdom to stay the course when efforts we tried seemed to have overwhelmed us. He gave us faith to trust Him in the most difficult times of this convention. He provided personalities who had the

convention at heart and who shared their wisdom and expertise to help bring closure to some of the financial obligations. He blessed us and gave us the victory, "to God be the glory!" Whatever was accomplished, it was by the grace of God.

During the years of my tenure, I have seen Christian faith in action. Special thanks to those of you who, in discouraging times prayed and supported the work. Thanks to pastors and churches who continued to support the mission of our great convention. I am grateful to those of you who were steadfast and committed. As Christian action was demonstrated with funds sent to the convention, our current Executive Secretary- Treasurer, who came aboard midway my tenure, has been able to demonstrate good accountability with the funds sent for the objectives. Because of demonstrated accountability, some have renewed their commitment and support. Thanks.

As the curtain closes on my tenure as President, I will continue to "Lift my eyes unto the hills, from which cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and the earth." I

again thank God and you for the opportunity to have served. Now that my departure is at hand, I say as the Apostle Paul said, "I have kept the faith." The faith that this convention is viable and will continue to survive and "Serve the Present Age." I have kept the faith that there will be continuous growth and necessary changes into the future. As a new president and cabinet are elected, let us pledge increased commitment, prayer and support.

The Lord has called us to live and serve in the world on His behalf. May we live with purpose, love and humility. May we speak the truth in love. Honor all who are different. May we practice peacemaking and live in harmony with each other. May God's amazing Spirit lead us onward now and always. God bless!



Dr. Charles T. Bullock

A Legacy of Leadership, Loyalty and Accomplishments: A Tribute to President Bullock



By Dr. John H. Grant,
Vice President At Large

A Tribute to Dr. Charles T. Bullock, GBSC President, 2002 to 2006 – For the last four years, you, Mr. President, have led our great Convention during a time of notable challenges, turnarounds and accomplishments. After taking over the helm of leadership, you found yourself presiding over a Convention in serious debt, facing a staff transition at headquarters, a sharp decrease in both giving to the Convention and confidence in the Convention, not to mention a lawsuit from a fellow General Board member over constitutional issues, among others.

During your tenure, Mr. President, our Convention has experienced a turnaround and renaissance as per the following documented facts:



With GBSC President and Mrs. Charles T. Bullock are outgoing President of the Lot Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Dr. J. Michael Sanders, alone with GBSC Vice President At Large and Mrs. J. H. Grant.

- Convention debt has been drastically reduced;
- A successful transition at headquarters from one CEO to another;
- A dramatic increase in giving to Convention objectives through the Baptist Headquarters;

- A sharp increase in confidence by the General Baptist family;
- An amicable resolution to a Convention lawsuit;
- Timely monthly financial accountability to Convention objectives.

With purposeful poise and firm faith in God, you calmly and confidently took on the challenges of leading our Convention through a storm. Your distinguished leadership has contributed to a legacy of progress and undeniable accomplishments.

As your tenure concludes, we look to the past, Thankful, to the present, Thankful, and to the future, Thankful. We pause to glorify God, and to say thank you Mr. President for the progress and accomplishments under your watch! To God be the ultimate glory through Jesus Christ our Lord for great things God has done through you and your presidency!

From the desk of the Second Vice-President

Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II,
2nd Vice President



Dr. Nilous
Avery, II

"To the General Baptist family, together with all the saints throughout the world: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:1b-2, NIV paraphrased).

As I write this article, we are in the midst of transition.

I would like to take this time to express sincere thanks and gratitude to our outgoing president, Dr. Charles T. Bullock. In his own unique, quiet manner, Dr. Bullock led us with calmness and steadiness for such a time as this. President Bullock faced perhaps one of the toughest financial and survival times in the life of our convention. With a steady hand on the wheel and God's anointed appointment of Executive Secretary Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Dr. Bullock's leadership enabled our convention to confront these faith-testing challenges and steer this ship through the raging storm.

Thank you Dr. Bullock, Vice-Presidents Grant, Parker, Lynch, and Banks, other officers, and members of this body for striving "To Serve the Present Age" the past four years. You did not falter nor waver in the face of naysayers, doomsday prophets, and ship

jumpers. By God's grace, mercy, power, and provisions, our convention remains alive, well, and full of Jesus' resurrection power! A special thanks is also extended to WBH & FMC Executive Secretary Dr. Pricilla A. Brodie, auxiliaries of this parent body, and most of all, TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

As we move forward under our new administration and new leadership in our auxiliaries, we must be equipped, empowered, and encouraged to wage spiritual warfare on this Christian journey. In his letter to the church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul warned the Christian community to never underestimate the strength and impact of satanic warfare.

In his paraphrase, the *Message*, Eugene Peterson summarizes Ephesians 6:10-18:

"God is strong, and [God] wants you to be strong. So take everything

the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the devil throws your way. This is no athletic contest

that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the devil and his angels.

Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can

get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up

so that no one falls behind or drops out."

General Baptists, let us PRESS ON!

We are fueled by a faith in God that embraces the past, enhances the present, and envisions the future. We must PRESS ON by supporting the General Baptist State Convention and its objectives with our gifts and service. We must PRESS ON by endeavoring to worship, work and witness for the Lord.

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Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of NC

One Day Session

Saturday, January 13, 2007
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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
President, WBH & FMC

When upon life's billows you are tempest
tossed,



**Bronnie
Daniels**

care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called
to bear?
Count your many blessings every doubt
will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go
by.

When you look at others with their lands
and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His
wealth untold;
Count your many blessings money can-
not buy
Your reward in heaven nor your home on
high.

When you are dis-
couraged, thinking
all is lost,
Count your many
blessings—name
them one by one,
And it will surprise
you what the Lord
hath done.

Are you ever bur-
dened with a load of

So amid the conflict, whether great or
small,
Do not be discouraged God is over all;
Count your many blessings angels will
attend,
Help and comfort give you to your jour-
neys end.

Chorus

Count your blessings name them one by
one;
Count your
blessings see
what God hath
done;
Count your
blessings—
name them on
by one
Count your
many blessings see what God hath done;
—Johnson Oatmon, Jr.

How quickly the season of
Thanksgiving has come! For we are now
in the month of November, the month for
emphasizing "Thanksgiving". When we
reflect upon our benefits: "forgiving all
of our iniquities; healing of our diseases;

"...Blessings / Benefits"

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary Treasurer

redeeming our lives from destruction;
crowning us with lovingkindness and
tender mercies; satisfying our mouths
with good things", we can agree with the
psalmist's chorus- "Bless the Lord, O my
soul..."—Psalm 103:1-5.

We thank you again for your lov-
ingkindness shown toward the Woman's
Convention, during the immediate physi-
cal year. TO GOD Be the glory for the
great things He has done!

**"Not that we have dominion
over your faith, but are helpers
of your joy: for by faith ye
stand."**

II Corinthians 1:24

REMINDERS

YOUTH EVAN-
GELISM
CONFERENCE
The 25th
Annual Youth
Evangelism
Conference will

be held at Nash Central High School,
Rocky Mount, NC, November 4, 2006,
Nash County Union, host. The address of
the school is 4279 Nash Central High
Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. For
directions to the school go to
www.yahoo.com.

INSTITUTES

Last year many of you participated
in institutes under the auspices of the
Woman's Convention. It is now time to
begin Christian missionary studies for
the new year's institutes. The books rec-
ommended for this year's study are:
**Breaking Strongholds in the African
American Family** (Seniors and Young
Adults); **Soul Break** (Youth, 12-20);
Ten Commandments (Youth, 9-11);
He's Risen! He's Alive (Youth 6-8); **My
Bible Heroes** (Youth Birth-5).
Persons/organizations interested in hav-
ing these studies may contact the
Woman's Convention for these books
and also for certified persons as instruc-
tors for the institute.

ONE DAY SESSION

On Saturday, January 6, 2007 will be
the One Day Session of the Woman's
Baptist State Convention at the
Greenville Convention Center,
Greenville, beginning at 9:00 A.M. for
Seniors, Young Adults and Youth.

MISSIONS BUDGET

The Proposed Missions' Budget for
2006-2007 will be distributed among the
objectives. Checks and money orders
should be made payable to the Woman's
Baptist State Convention or Woman's
Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary
Convention of North Carolina. Please
give more generously for State Missions
than last year so that we can realize our
State Missions Budget

**ANNOUNCEMENT (A NEW MIN-
ISTRY)!!!!**

The WBH&FMC WESTERN
ASSEMBLY (All Persons, named in
purpose, from Districts I, II, & III)

Introductory Statement:

For many a year
the Woman's
Convention has
envisioned having
getting acquainted/
visionary meetings
in different regions
across the state.
Thus under the lead-
ership of President
Daniels, the Woman's Convention seeks
to implement this initiative.

Purpose(s):

To inform pastors, church circles, mis-
sionary county unions, district confer-
ences, auxiliaries, interested persons of
the Mission of Jesus Christ through the
Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign
Missionary Convention of North
Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC, in assisting
witnessing and missions-in action across
the state, country, and globe

To allow interaction or dialogue
between WBH&FMC officials/representa-
tives and the above mentioned con-
stituency in four (4) different settings
across the state (one setting per quarter)

To renew and/or cultivate new part-
ners of missions for the Cause of Jesus
Christ through with the Woman's
Convention

Date: November 18, 2006
Time: 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Place: Mayfield Memorial
Baptist Church, Charlotte
Contact Person:
(Board member): Mrs. Robbie Diggs
Telephone Number: 704-597-1249
Suggested Format:

Inspirational Period (local partici-
pants)

Greetings (local participants)

Presentation (WBH&FMC

officials/representatives)

Congregation Interaction

Sermonette (a local pastor)

Altar Call (a local pastor)

Benediction

(To be prepared by WBH&FMC)

Attendees: All above named persons in
Districts I, II, & III

District Chairpersons:

District	Group	Chairperson
1	1	Vacant
1	2	Vacant
2	1	Vacant
2	2	Mrs. Edna Long
3	1	Ms. Rebecca Brown
3	2	Mrs. Virginia Russell

Are you ready for a rewarding call?

First Baptist Church, located in Winston-Salem, NC, is
actively searching for the full-time Senior Pastor whom God has cho-
sen to lead us into the future. We are a multi-generational congre-
gation of 500+ with a strong foundation of 127 years of ministry as the
oldest African American Baptist church in the city. The person called
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Laws and in alignment with our philosophy of ministry.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must have a Masters Degree in Religion, Theology, or Divinity from
an accredited college, university or divinity school
- Must have at least 6 years of pastoral experience
- Must be a licensed and ordained Baptist minister
- Must possess strong ability to preach God's word as well as be a
skilled counselor and teacher
- Must possess highly-favored leadership skills as to well ensure effi-
cient church organization and effective church operations
- Must be a nurturer of people along with a genuine caring attitude
- Must be able to develop and share a vision for the future growth
and development of the church

**All interested persons that meet these requirements should sub-
mit a letter of interest, brief biographical sketch, and resume no
later than January 31, 2007.** All resumes sent to the Pastor Search
Committee will be acknowledged with a receipt letter. The Pastor
Search Committee will not accept resumes postmarked after January
31, 2007.

Mail all materials to:

First Baptist Church
Pastoral Search Committee
P.O. Box 4802
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27115

School Shootings

Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education
Coordinator/Managing Editor

WHAT THE CHURCH CAN DO:

• Pastors could talk with the junior and senior high young people in their church to assure them that they are all valued by God and loved by their church that wants to support them and be there for them when they encounter difficult days.

• A meeting could be held for parents and students to discuss the importance of their relationship and "staying in touch" with one another. Classes could be held to help parents know how to identify troubled teenagers and how to help them.

• Deacon, Deaconess, Laymen League, Woman Auxiliary, and other Church Leaders in the congregation could be urged as part of their Christian responsibility to make a special effort to relate to the kids in their church and in their neighborhoods who seem to feel unwanted, unwelcomed, and unloved.

• Youth Advisors and Sunday School teachers could be asked as part of their Christian responsibility to make a special effort to identify and reach out to those young people in their church and schools who feel so alienated, marginalized and left out. Youth might sign a commitment to resist the temptation to

taunt, belittle or humiliate others.

• Perhaps some will feel the call of God to become advocates for gun control and accept the urging of the 210th General Assembly to remove guns from their homes. Those who respectfully decline that appeal should be urged to be sure their guns are under strong security locks and their children are taught firearm safety.

• Perhaps some will feel called to get involved in urging the media (videos, movies, television, Internet, etc.) to reduce the violence that saturates our electronic media today.

• Young people could be helped to know how to deal with their anger in nondestructive ways and trained in non-violent conflict resolution.

• Family breakdown: Some parents are insufficiently involved with their teenagers. In some families, both parents work at full time jobs. Some teens are being brought up in single-parent homes. So the church needs to step in.

• American teenagers live in a "culture of death." Movies, music, TV programs, news, and computer games are saturated with violence, random killings, and death. The church needs to address these issues.

Resource:

Church bells toll in remembrance of shooting victims Centre Daily Times
Pennsylvania church bells toll in remembrance of Amish school... San Diego Union Tribune
Curiosity seekers descend on scene of Amish school shooting Ludington Daily News
Christianity Today magazine.



IT'S TIME FOR THE CHURCH TO RESPOND

Schools across the country have been on alert since deadly school shootings in five states in the span of two months, and several schools have been locked down or closed entirely during the past two weeks because of threats.

Aug. 24, 2006 Essex, Vt.	Christopher Williams, 27, looking for his ex-girlfriend at Essex Elementary School, shot two teachers, killing one and wounding another. Before going to the school, he had killed the ex-girlfriend's mother.
Sept. 13, 2006 Montreal, Canada	Kimveer Gill, 25, opened fire with a semiautomatic weapon at Dawson College. Anastasia De Sousa, 18, died and more than a dozen students and faculty were wounded before Gill killed himself.
Sept. 26, 2006 Bailey, Colo.	Adult male held six students hostage at Platte Canyon High School and then shot and killed Emily Keyes, 16, and himself.
Sept. 29, 2006 Cazenovia, Wis.	A 15-year-old student shot and killed Weston School principal John Klang.
Oct. 3, 2006 Nickel Mines, Pa.	32-year-old Carl Charles Roberts IV entered the one-room West Nickel Mines Amish School and shot 10 schoolgirls, ranging in age from 6 to 13 years old, and then himself. Five of the girls and Roberts died.
Oct. 9, 2006 Joplin, Missouri	A 13-year-old student wearing a mask and a long, black trenchcoat fired an AK-47 into the ceiling at his school Monday morning after confronting a pair of students and administrators, telling them "please don't make me do this," officials said. No one was injured, and the boy, who police said was following a well-thought out plan, was taken into custody.

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Theodore David
President, NC State Laymen's League
Auxiliary

Greetings,

The State Laymen held their Laymen Men's Retreat this past September 2006. During the retreat, every Layman was given an opportunity to suggest strategies for improving the NC State Laymen's. With God's help, we'll focus on a few of those goals and objectives during 2007. They are the following:

- Ensure that the Bible remains the NC State Laymen's central compass, as we strive to become better Christians.
- Increase partnerships with Association Moderators, Pastors, and Association Laymen League Presidents.
- Increase attendance, involvement, cooperation, spiritual growth of State Laymen and Boys at the State Laymen's Meetings. Given that many of our boys are not driving, State Laymen will bring our boys to State Laymen's Meetings, Camps,



Theodore David

Laymen Men's Retreat

Banquets, and other functions.

- Increase NC State Laymen attendance in the Lott Carey Convention and the National Baptist Laymen's Movement. A newly appointed committee has been established to help ensure our awareness and participation.
- Increase the quality of programming and Christian Education at the State Laymen League level. Invite National, Regional, and State Laymen workshop presenters, speakers and Preachers to each of our meetings during 2007
- Strengthen the organizational structure of the NC State Laymen's League to meet the goals identified as essential to the life and growth of the organization.

Many thanks to all who lended their moral, spiritual, and financial support to the 10th Annual Walter Cade Jr. SE Regional Laymen's Workshop which was so graciously hosted by the NC State Laymen this past September 15-17th, 2006. Thanks to Dr. Dumas Harshaw, and the First Baptist Church for all their support.

A large number of Laymen and their families from the each of the 5 states within our SE Region were also in attendance (NC, VA, SC, GA, and FL). The

Regional Laymen's Workshop will be held in Jacksonville Fla. next year during the first weekend in September 2007. Begin preparations to travel with us as the NC Laymen are already planning to attend in great numbers.

The next NC State Laymen's Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Dec. 9, 2007 at Watts Chapel Baptist Church

in Raleigh, NC. We're incorporating a youth program that will be apart of our future meetings.

During this present age, we recognize the need for fervent prayer. Therefore, we're asking "All who know the worth of prayer" to sincerely pray for the NC State Laymen's work. The NC State Laymen will we seek the Lord's leading in all that we attempt to accomplish for His Glory.

LIBERTY HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH WAXHAW, NORTH CAROLINA

Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Waxhaw, North Carolina is currently seeking a Pastor who is ordained, licensed, spiritual leader, counselor and teacher.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2007

Candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- Full of the Holy Ghost, wisdom and knowledge. Be of good reputation.
- Must be married and have strong family values.
- Must be willing to work with all ages groups, especially the youth of the church.
- Male or female with at least 3 years of more of pastoral experience.
- Must have knowledge of Baptist doctrines, church policies, and procedures and be willing to follow them.
- Must be willing to visit the sick and shut-in and bereaved families.
- Must exhibit leadership skills that are not dictatorial.

All applicants should provide the following information:

- Copy of high school diploma, college degree(s), certificates of license and ordination.

Name, address and telephone number of four references:

- 2 personal
- 2 coming from other ministers

All material should be forward to:

Mr. James Kilgo, Deacon chairman, Pulpit Committee
c/o Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church
520 Billy Howey Road • Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173

What is State Missions anyway?

Excellent question! Think of State Missions as the gas that runs the car. Without gasoline (and without State Missions), the car won't run (and the Convention cannot operate). Our State Missions expenses fall into two categories: OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING.

OPERATIONS include:

Parent Body and Auxiliary Officers Honoraria and Expenses, Staff Salaries and Benefit, Attorneys, Accountants and Consultants Fees, Computer Maintenance, Office Supplies, Office Machines, Postage and Shipping, Property, Workers Comp, and General Liability Insurance, Printing of books, brochures, newspaper, announcements, programs, and flyers; Expenses to operate the Baptist Headquarters including gas, water, electricity, telephones, janitorial, trash disposal, security, and upkeep; Expenses to operate the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill including gas, electricity, telephones, custodial services, lawn upkeep and grass cutting, heating & air conditioning maintenance, plumbing, upkeep of swimming pool, and certified pool operators and life guards.

Expenses for each Session of the Parent Body and Auxiliaries which includes: Rental of facilities like convention centers, printing of materials for Sessions, preparation of registration kits and badges, staff travel to make arrangement for host pastors and host Churches, lodging for staff and special guests. Banquet costs including food, rental of space, service fees, mailings, publicity and advertising, awards and plaques.

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Alzheimer's Faith Based Initiative

The African American church has always been pivotal in serving its members and the community from voting rights, diabetes, hypertension, abuse, to HIV/AIDS, just to name a few.

"The opportunity to educate thousands in North Carolina through the work of the Alzheimer's Association Eastern North Carolina Chapter and its faith-based initiative spearheaded, by Reverend Doctor Cynthia Duarte of Tabernacle Community Christian Church is an exciting and far-reaching prospect" states Executive Director, Alice Watkins.

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common cause of dementia, affecting as many as 5 million Americans. AD results in impaired memory, thinking, and behavior and can last years from the time of the initial onset of symptoms. Warning signs of AD are memory loss that affects job/home skills, difficulty performing familiar tasks, problems finding the right words, disorientation as to time and place, poor or decreased judgment, difficulty with learning and abstract thinking, placing things in inappropriate places, changes in mood and personality, and marked loss of initiative. In the last stage of AD, patients are unable to take care of themselves. Recent research has shown links between particular genes and Alzheimer's disease, but in about 90% of AD cases, there is no clear genetic link.

Reverend Duarte has experienced first hand the impact of dementia and the stress it can bring to a family. While attending Duke Divinity School she would travel to Virginia on weekends to visit with her mother and sometimes had to acknowledge, "Mom doesn't know me." She says the two hour drive back to North

Carolina allowed some time for processing the experience.

Alzheimer's disease affects African Americans more than other ethnic groups, therefore, education is the key



to making a difference'. While the role of the church is not to diagnose or medicate, the church can be a sounding board to listen, inform, educate, and support people with AD and their caregivers. No agency can fully serve a community not willing to discuss the question, 'How can we help?'

What we hope to accomplish

The work of the Initiative is to:

- ✓ Educate and inform church members about Alzheimer's disease;
- ✓ Examine scriptural support for aging and what it might look like for the church to provide pastoral support to people with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers;
- ✓ Serve as a bridge to services and service providers;
- ✓ Decrease health disparities related to AD and the

African American population.

This will be accomplished through the current work of the Alzheimer's Association and direct contact with area churches. Some churches have already taken advantage of the initiative and all churches are encouraged to join these efforts by taking advantage of the work of this important Initiative **free** of charge by contacting Reverend Duarte at the Alzheimer's Association Eastern N C Chapter at 919-832-3732 or toll free 1-800-228-8738 to schedule a meeting.

The Eastern North Carolina Chapter provides family support, community education, public awareness and supports research for the prevention, cure and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The Chapter serves 51 of North Carolina's counties (from the Triangle to the Coast). Over 130,000 people in North Carolina are affected by Alzheimer's and these numbers are expected to quadruple by the year 2025.

The Chapter provides assistance with information, educational programs and services to patients, their families, health care professionals and the general public. Through support groups, Helpline and networking with other nonprofits and local, state and federal agencies, additional information and care are provided.

Raising awareness in a single church, family, or community will ultimately raise awareness in society at large and can be a tool for fighting the cultural stigma and stereotypes associated with Alzheimer's and other dementias as well as other diseases.

*By Reverend Doctor Cynthia Duarte, Pastor
Tabernacle Community Christian Church*

¹ Ayalon, Arecan. 2004. p. 51-57

J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

"Come ye yourselves apart into a quit place and rest a while."

Mark 6:31.

The purpose of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill is to provide a setting that is Christian in its atmosphere and is conducive to learning, worship, and meeting the needs of all individual who we serve.

It allows to for many opportunities to commune with one another, whether it be weddings, family reunion, seminars, or banquets.

J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is a tract of land of seventy-five or more acres, much of which is covered with a mixture of North Carolina pine, red and white oak trees.

Facilities

1. Rowan Association Chapel (seats 300-400)
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SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2006

Theme:

Preparing The Saints For The Harvest

Stratford Courtyard Conference Center
149 Old Piney Forest Road
Danville, Virginia

Leadership Banquet

Friday, September 29, 2006

7:00-9:00 PM

Speaker: Dr. Haywood T. Gray

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

WORKSHOP SESSION

Saturday, September 30, 2006

8:30 to 10:00 AM

I. Pastors/Ministers

Facilitator: Dr. A. T. Griffey, III

Mount Carmel Baptist Church-Winston Salem, NC

II. Deacons/Deaconess

Facilitator: Dr. Richard Styles

First Baptist Church-Burlington, NC

III. Missionaries

Facilitator: Reverend William Foust

First Baptist Church- Roxboro, NC

IV. Superintendents/Teachers

Facilitator : Dr. Alfred Faulkner

Elijah Grove Baptist Church-Roxboro, NC

Closing Workshop

10:30-12:00 PM

"SHEEP IN THE MIDST OF WOLVES"

Facilitator: Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.

Christian Education Coordinator

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
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Worship Service

12:00-1:00 PM

Reverend Marvin T. Clowney, Sr.

First Baptist Church-Clinton, NC



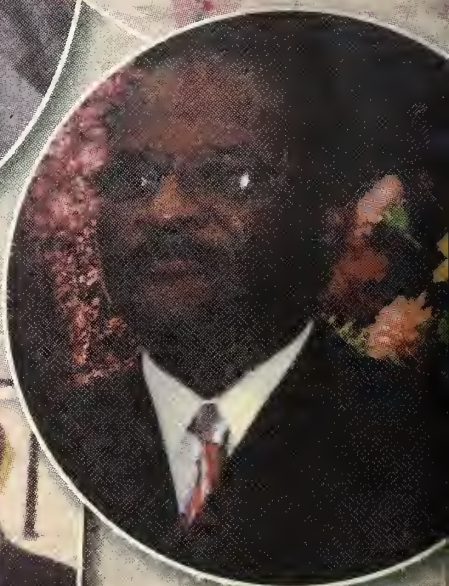
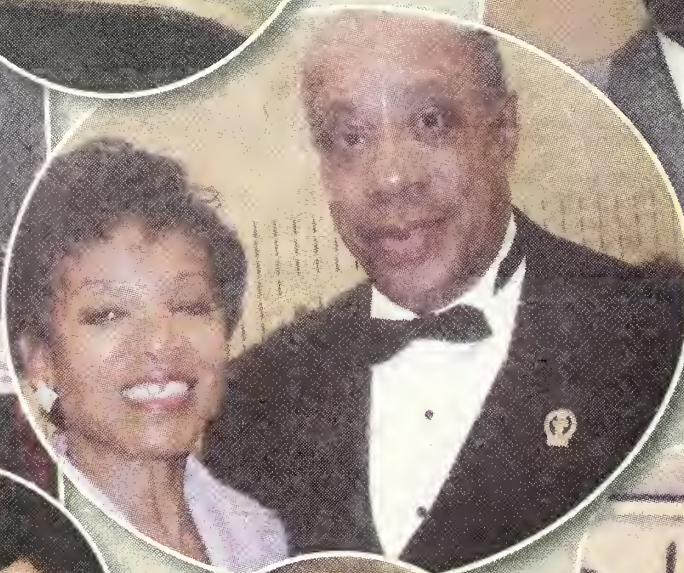
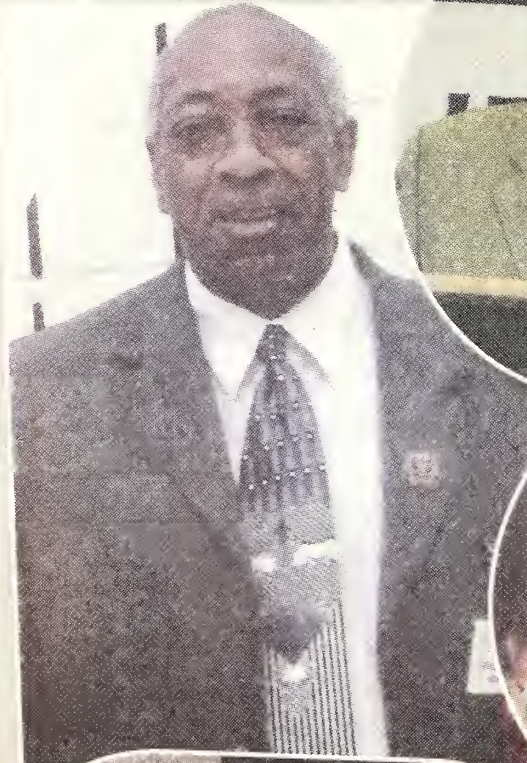
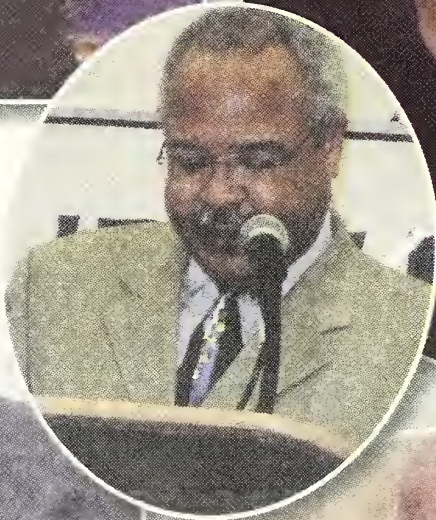
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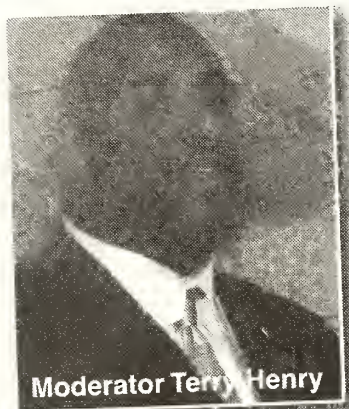
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MIDDLE DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Moderator Terry Henry

135TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MIDDLE DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 5th & 6th 2006

9:30 AM

MIDDLE DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION BUILDING

THEME: EQUIPPING SAINTS FOR THE EFFECTIVE PRACTICE OF MINISTRY
EPESHIAN 4: 11-12

• THURSDAY MORNING •

TRAINING SESSION

Mrs. Octavia Ivory

FORMER STATE MUSIC COORDINATOR FOR THE GBSC, INC
WORSHIP MUSIC IN THE 21ST CENTURY

• THURSDAY MORNING SPEAKER •

REVEREND TRAVIS NEWKIRK

PASTOR OF THE CANETUCK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

• THURSDAY AFTERNOON •

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

• TRAINING SESSION •

MRS. PORTIA H. BRANDON, M. DIV
GBSC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR
MINI WORKSHOPS
EQUIPPING TEACHERS
DEACONESS MINISTRY
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• THURSDAY EVENING 7:00 PM •

MISSIONARY MARCH WITH ALL MDBA PASTORS AND THEIR WIVES

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

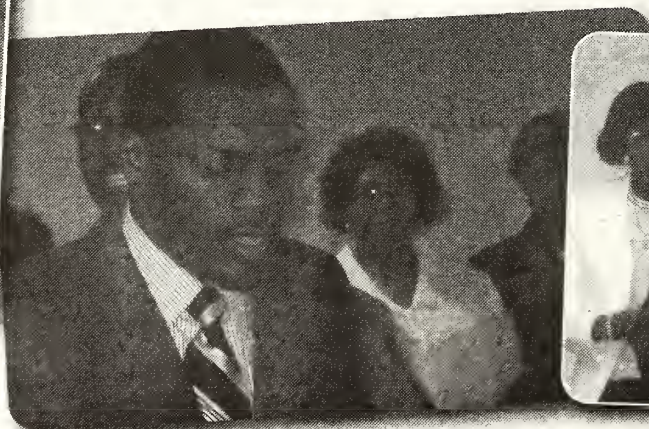
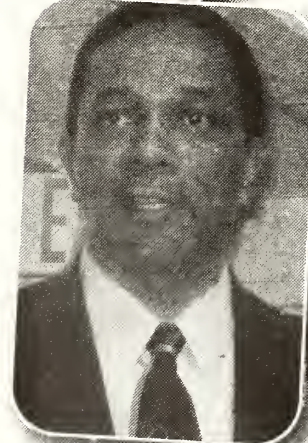
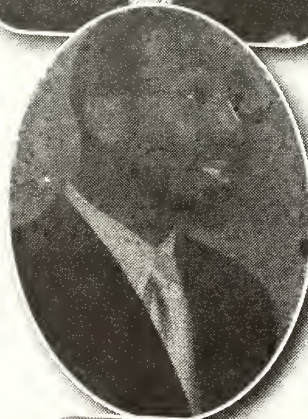
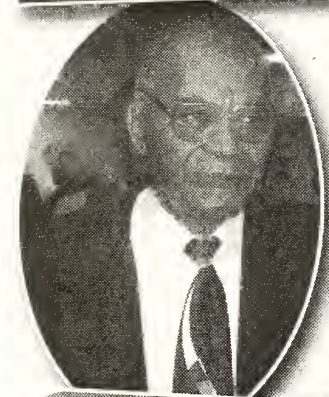
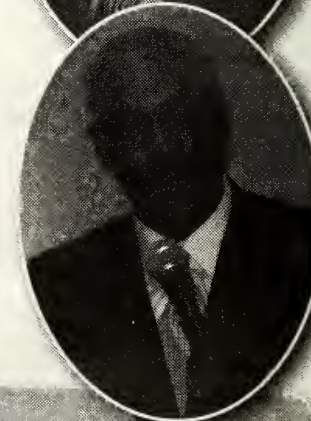
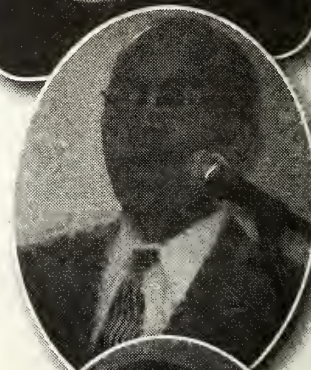
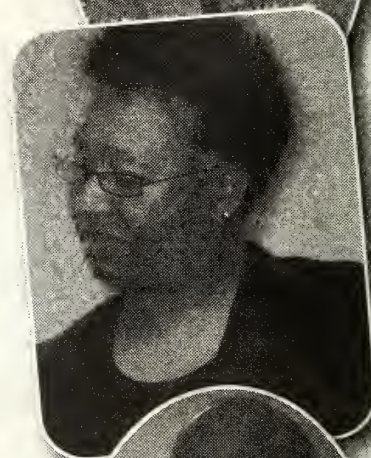
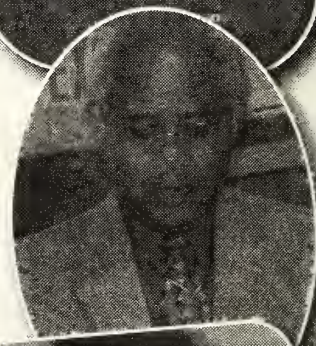
MINISTER DORIS SANDERS, M. DIV., STUDENT-SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL

• FRIDAY MORNING •

BUSINESS SESSION

REVEREND DR. LOUIS HACKETT

PASTOR OF THE GARLAND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Friday, September 22nd began as pastoral and campaign work days go, for one busy candidate, but ended on an inspiring note as the **"Courage for the New Day"** Banquet for Dr. James Smith's election campaign for the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc. was held at the West Durham Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina with Dr. Terry Thomas as host pastor. An encouraging day indeed as over 225 people supported the evening's event along with many other well wishers and friends of Dr. Smith.

"Courage for the New Day"

The Banquet was well in hand as Mrs. Mary E. Marrow, 3rd Vice-President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention Auxiliary, with her warm and cordial personality, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Rev. Fred James, pastor of the Rocky River Baptist Church, Siler City, and Mrs. Georgia Guest, as frequent soloist for both the General

Baptist State Convention and the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. kept the occasion joyful and uplifting throughout the worship order.

Dr. Joseph Rodgers, Moderator of the Johnston District Baptist Association set the evening for "preaching" as he introduced the "proclaimer" and friend of the candidate, Dr. LaFayette Maxwell, Moderator of the New Hope

Baptist Association.

Other noted attendees were Rev. J. Vincent Terry, candidate for the office of 4th Vice-President of GBSC, Mr. Frank Byrd (Deacon-Community Baptist-Durham), 1st Vice-President-elect, Congress on Christian Education of GBSC, Rev. Willie S. Darby, Moderator of the County Line Baptist Association, Rev. T. C. Nicholson, Union President of the New Home and Durham Baptist Association, Rev. Bernard Morrison, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church-Kittrel, Rev. Herbert Dickerson, pastor of the Orange Grove Baptist Church-Durham,

Dr. W. E. Daye, pastor of the Peace Baptist Church-Durham, and Dr. Percy R. Chase, pastor of the Community Baptist Church-Durham.

Dr. J. E. Perkins, former Moderator of the New Hope Baptist Association, and Dr. James Richmond, former Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Baptist Association were among the special guest of the candidate.

Civic friends of Dr. Smith attending were Mrs. Cora McFadden, mayor pro-tem of Durham, and Mr. Chester Jenkins, former and the 1st African-American to serve as mayor of Durham, North Carolina.

Dr. Smith urges all General Baptist to continue our earnest prayers for our present leadership, headquarters staff, and all our brother and sisters as we prepare for this year's annual session.

Dr. Smith has proven his love and support for the General Baptist State Convention, and we truly appreciate and defend this man who has shown the courage to address and lead in the build up and correction of the needs and functions of our Convention. Dr. Smith does not walk with his back to the concerns of our Convention, but has shown a character which "marks" him that will face what hurts the Convention and hinders its proper functioning capacities. His personable personality has endeared him to many throughout the Convention, serving as Moderator of Moderators, an appointment given to him by Dr. John Fuller, past president of GBSC. In that position, Dr. Smith has already travelled the state, not as a campaigner for office, but as a servant of the Lord and His people, truly showing his love as a brother and co-laborer for Christ.

Without reservation, we proudly offer Dr. James W. Smith, pastor of the Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Bahama, North Carolina as candidate for President of the General Baptist State Convention, NC, Inc. and kindly ask your support and vote.

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Mount Vernon Baptist Church located in Durham, North Carolina is seeking a full-time senior pastor who is a licensed ordained Baptist minister.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Possess a Master of Divinity Degree from an accredited seminary or divinity school
- Have pastoral experience of 6 to 10 years
- Understand, teach, and follow Baptist doctrine
- Be obedient to the word of God and have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Exhibit a genuine care for people
- Understand and communicate well with all age groups (youth, adults, senior citizens)
- Preach God's word as well as skilled counselor and teacher
- Demonstrate leadership skills to ensure efficient church organization and effective church operations
- Be a visionary and trained in setting goals for the continued growth of the church
- Believe and abide by Baptist doctrine and Church Covenant and be supportive of the General Baptist State Convention
- Exhibit spiritual and personal maturity
- Must be willing to submit to background check

If you are interested in applying for the senior pastor position at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, please mail the following to the address listed below:

Resume, Brief biographical sketch, Official transcripts (from accredited schools/institutions), Three (3) reference letters which include their home address, telephone number, and email address

All completed applications sent to the Pastor Search Committee will be acknowledged with a receipt. The Pastor Search Committee will not accept any application postmarked after October 31, 2006. Mail all application materials to:

Pastor Search Committee
Deacon Jimmie Young, Chair
Mount Vernon Baptist Church
P. O. Box 51879
Durham, NC 27717-1879

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139th Annual Session Program

Tentative Program At A Glance

<u>Date</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Sun, October 29,	Pre-Convention Musical A \$10.00 ticket donation is requested	6pm	Benton Convention Center (BCC)
Mon. October 30,	Vendors move/Set up	7am	BCC-North Main Hall
	Registration Opens	11am	BCC-North Main Hall
	General Board Meeting	1pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Shaw Divinity School	7pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Welcome Program	7:30pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Minister's Council	8pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Evangelism Late Night Worship		
	Dr. Howard W. Parker (Preaching)	9:15pm	BCC-South Main Hall
Tues, October 31,	Moderator's Breakfast/Workshop	7am	BCC-South Main Hall
	Registration Opens	8am	BCC-North Main Hall
	Morning Study/Covenant		
	Dr. William C. Turner, Jr.	8am	BCC-North Main Hall
	Morning Meditation (1)	9am	BCC-North Main Hall
	Wealth Building Seminars Sess(1)	9:30am	BCC-North Main Hall
	Wealth Building Seminars Sess(2)	10:30am	BCC-North Main Hall
	Morning Meditation (2)	11:30am	BCC-North Main Hall
	Lunch	12pm	
	Official Opening 139th Annual Se	1:30pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Auxiliary Greetings	2pm	BCC North Main Hall
	Objectives Presentation	2:30pm	BCC North Main Hall
	Presidential Candidates Forum	3:30pm	BCC North Main Hall
	President's Banquet	6pm	Mt Zion Baptist Church
	Evening Worship		
	Dr. John H. Grant (Preaching)	8pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Evangelism Late Night Worship		
	Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch (Preaching)	9:15pm	BCC-North Main Hall
Wed, November 1,	Registration Opens	7:30pm	BCC-North Main ADM 1
	Morning Study/Covenant		
	Dr. William C. Turner, Jr.	8pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Baptist Website Presentation	9:30pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	A Presidential Tribute	10am	BCC-North Main Hall
	President's Hour	11am	BCC-North Main Hall
	Lunch	12pm	
	Election Instructions	1pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Voting	1:30pm	BCC-North Exhibition Hall
	Health & Wealth Discussion	2:30pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Election Committee Report		
	Rev. Reginald Wells	5pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Nominating Committee Meeting	5:30pm	BCC-South Exhibition Hall
	Run-off Election (If Needed)	6pm	BCC-North Exhibition Hall
	Music Inspiration	6:30pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Evening Meditation	7pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Executive Secretary-Treasurer R	7:30pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Evening Worship	8pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Election Committee Report (If Needed)	9pm	BCC-North Main Hall
	Evangelism Late Night Worship		
	Dr. Nilous M. Avery (Preaching)	9:15pm	BCC-North Main Hall
Thurs. November 2,	General Board Meeting	8:30am	Mt Zion Baptist Church
	Morning Study Hour		
	Dr. William C. Turner, Jr.	8:30am	Mt Zion Baptist Church
	Business Session	9:30am	Mt Zion Baptist Church
	Installation of Officers Ceremony	10:30am	Mt Zion Baptist Church
	Passing of the Gavel Ceremony	11:45am	Mt Zion Baptist Church
	The Lord's Supper	12pm	Mt Zion Baptist Church
	Closing of 139th Annual Session	12:45pm	Mt Zion Baptist Church
	General Board Meeting	1pm	Mt Zion Baptist Church

Moderator's Breakfast

**Tuesday, October 31, 2006
7:00 a.m.**

Mr. Benjamin S. Ruffin
(former Chairman of the UNC Board of Governors)

will speak to the Moderators of the
Convention on the

"Dynamics of Leadership."
(Open to Moderators ONLY)

President's Banquet

**Tuesday, October 31, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
\$25.00 ticket donation

Dr. J. Michael Sanders (Past President Lott Carey and Pastor of Fountain Baptist Church, Summit, New Jersey) will preach. Special music by John Heath, Eddie Bines, and Pete Thomas.

BUFFET MENU
Roasted Chicken, Baked Ham
Macaroni and Cheese, Yams, Green Beans,
Assorted Deserts.

Installation of Officers

**Mount Zion Baptist Church
10:30 a.m.**

**Newly elected officers of the parent
body and auxiliaries will be installed.**

Closing Communion

Dr. Serenus T. Churn and Mount Zion Baptist Church have invited us to close the 139th Annual Session with the Lord Supper on Thursday. Pastors wishing to take part in the celebration along with Dr. Churn are asked to bring white pulpit robes for the Thursday communion service.

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N. C. INC.

139th Annual Session

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee certifies the following names to be printed on the official ballots.

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Parent Body

PRESIDENT

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Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
Dr. James W. Smith
Dr. Martine J. Spence

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ATTENTION ALL CANIDATES

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TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE CALL PORTIA BRANDON (919) 821-7466.**

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St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a pastor to lead the 800 plus member congregation. St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church has a rich history of over sixty years in the Winston-Salem Community and is recognized for its leadership in local and statewide Baptist organizations. Applicants who want to be considered for this position must have the following:

- Born Again Christian/Spirit Filled pastor/minister who is interested in winning souls to Christ and demonstrates it through the teaching and preaching of God's word
- Must be Licensed and Ordained as a Baptist pastor/minister with a minimum of five years of actual pastoral experience
- Must have attended Theological school and completed an accredited Bible College
- Must be able to Teach as well as Preach God's Word
- Must be guided by the Holy Spirit and able to apply God's wisdom as detailed in the Bible in all actions and decisions as a leader of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church
- Must have excellent leadership skills with a broad knowledge of the Baptist Doctrine, Baptist Polity, church policies and procedures and possess a willingness to follow the by-laws governing St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church
- Should be well versed in Robert Rules of Order and know how to conduct a church meeting
- Should have a good working knowledge of the business and financial aspects of the church
- Must be a skilled compassionate Counselor and willing to counsel the members of the congregation
- Must be a person with high moral integrity, have a humble spirit, and not argumentative or overbearing
- Must live a Christian life inside and outside the church
- Must have excellent communication skills and a sincere willingness to be a good listener
- Must have the ability to work with all age groups in the congregation
- Should be able to recognize the diversity of talents in the church and have a willingness to help develop and use the spiritual gifts of the congregation
- Should have knowledge of and promote the Church's involvement in total church ministry, the local, state and national Baptist associations
- Must be willing to submit to a Police background check, Character and Credit check and must live in or be willing to relocate to Forsyth County.

All interested applicants should submit a resume with a cover letter and a copy of your Ministerial License to the following address:
St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church • Attention: Deacon Nathaniel Barber • P.O. Box 11903 • Winston-Salem, NC 27116

ALL RESUMES MUST BE POSTMARKED AND RECEIVED BY September 12, 2006

GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Smithfield, North Carolina

African-American congregation established in 1875 and affiliated with the Johnston District Missionary Baptist Association and the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina • **Currently receiving resumes for a Born-again, Spirit-filled Pastor**

Applicants must possess the following requirements:

- Have the Biblical qualities of a Pastor as defined in Titus 1:6-9 and 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- Licensed and Ordained Missionary Baptist
- Familiar with Baptist doctrine
- Bible based ministry (KJV)
- Accredited Seminary degree
- Have at least two years pastoral experience or at least two years associate pastoral experience
- Capable of counseling people with diverse backgrounds
- Be able and available to teach Bible study, new members' class and officers' training
- Must be able to minister to all age groups in the church
- Visit the sick and shut-in
- Must be prepared to preach at 8:15 AM on 1st Sundays and 11:00 AM on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays
- Must be willing to adhere to existing policies/procedures and recommend new policies (if necessary)
- Be willing to work cooperatively with officers and members
- Must possess and use effective leadership skills and communication skills (verbal and written)
- Present and implement short and long term goals in a timely manner.
- Participate in community outreach involving the church and its affiliated organizations.
- Must be willing to submit to a background and credit check

Kindly submit resumes with cover letter and copies of license and ordination to the following address.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church
ATTN: Pastoral Search Committee
2017 Galilee Road, PO Box 2887
Smithfield, North Carolina 27577
919.934.7839

Resume Submission Deadline: October 31, 2006

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Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Vacancy Advertisement

Qualifications:

- Born again Christian
- Lives a sincere Christian life, has been clean record and a good reputation
- Ordained by Baptist Denomination
- Honest good role model of moral conduct
- Is faithful in doing and carrying out the functions of the church and has the ability to teach and preach God's word.
- Pastoral worship every Sunday
- Has Training in Theological and/or seminary
- Working experience with all age groups in church
- Family and community oriented
- Believes/abides by Baptist Doctrines and Church Covenant and is supportive of the General Baptist State Convention
- Ability to enhance spiritual and intellectual growth of the church
- Exemplify good communication, leadership, administrative and counseling ability
- Visionary and trained in setting goals for the continued growth of the church
- Pastoral experience of at least 3-5 years
- Must be willing to submit to background check
- References/resume

**Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Pastoral Search Committee**

Attention: Deacon LeRoy Crowder, Jr., Chairman • P O Box 1162 • Hamlet, N. C. 28345

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church • 501 Burke Street • Monroe, N C

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a Minister of Music. The applicant should possess a passion for God, His Word, and people.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. Born again Christian, Spirit-filled and gifted in music ministry.
2. Ability to prepare choirs for Sunday morning worship services and other services.
3. Ability to teach music and conduct workshops
4. Rehearse with all choirs of the church once a week
5. Accompany pastor, choirs on engagements to other churches
6. Ability to select appropriate hymns and songs for worship services
7. Must be available for all Sunday worship services
8. Work with all choirs, especially children and youth choirs

Interested persons should send a letter of interest, resume and a recorded tape or CD of work to:

Music Committee
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
P O Box 945
Monroe, NC 28111

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

544 East Depot Street • Mocksville, NC 27028

- Must be an ordained minister
- One to three years pastoral experience in the Baptist church preferred
- Seminary or theological training
- Must possess administrative/leadership abilities
- Must possess counseling abilities
- Must be willing to follow Baptist Doctrines, policies and practices
- Family oriented minister preferred

**Mail resume to: Mrs. Magalene Gaither
Shiloh Baptist Church
P O Box 188
Mocksville, NC 27028**

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Mr. Dexter Perry, A&B Management Services, Inc. 1400 Crescent Green, Suite G-100, Cary, North Carolina, 27511 Phone 919.858.7817, or Ms. Rose Harper, MMBB, Phone 800.222.3872 ext. 2348.

Events:

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Celebrate The Tenure of our President



*President Charles T. Bullock
and wife, Shirley Bullock*

President's Banquet

Tuesday, October 31, 2006 • 6:00 p.m.

Mount Zion Baptist Church

Winston-Salem, NC

Wednesday, October 31, 2006 • 10:00 a.m.

The final address of President Charles T. Bullock will be given. Special tributes to the President and a Presidential Appreciation Offering will be raised.

BAPTIST Informer

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General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

THEME:

"To Serve The Present Age"

Ephesian 4:11-12

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Greetings from Our President

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC



Reverend Dr. Gregory K.
Moss, Sr.

Grace and peace be unto you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

It is a great honor to address our convention for the first time as your president. To be elected as president of our esteemed convention is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a missionary Baptist in this state. I am humbled to be entrusted with this position for the next four years. To God be the glory!

I wish to commend our immediate former president, Dr. Charles T. Bullock for his courageous leadership during the past four years. Dr. Bullock provided a calm and steady hand in leading our body through challenging and turbulent times. His commitment and dedication are admirable and he is deserving of our gratitude and respect. I will look to him and the other former presidents for counsel, encouragement and wisdom. I also wish to extend many thanks to our staff, led by Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Executive-Secretary Treasurer, for their commitment and hard work.

Reverends F. O. Bass Jr., Reginald Wells, Charles Walton and the volunteers who worked with them are commended for a job well done. During the election, the competition was spirited, but respectful. Our Baptist family is blessed to have candidates who are willing to serve God's people and we are indebted to each of you.

With the elections now completed, the time is nigh that we move forward to the great work God has placed at our hand. To face the concerns and issues that challenge our congregations and the communities we serve, will require **all 62 associations and 1662 churches** representing more than 500,000 missionary Baptist to embrace a **"fresh approach"**. This administration respects the great traditions and cus-

toms of the General Baptist State Convention. As such, they will be used as a platform from which to launch into the new levels of ministry and missions. God is calling us to.

Our theme for the next four years, **"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship"**, is founded in the timeless word of God: Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..." NIV.

I am indebted to my family, my St. Paul family and the many colleagues and friends across the state and beyond for pouring into my spirit. You continue to encourage me to



139th Annual Session
Thursday, November 2, 2006

The Lord's Supper

President Gregory K. Moss, and
Host Pastor Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Sr.
Mount Zion Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, NC

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NIV.

use the gifts God has provided me to do ministry and become a better servant leader. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. I invite you to walk with me to dig deep in the wells of this convention, so fresh waters can flow; refreshing our ministries, missions and fellowship.

Blessings upon you, and may God bless the General Baptist State Convention!

Gregory K. Moss, Sr.

Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.
Vice President At Large



Dr. Howard
Parker, Jr.

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Annual Session was conducted in Winston-Salem on October 30, 2006 – November 2, 2006 at the Benton Convention Center,

The General Board

Winston-Salem, NC. Member churches of the Convention had the responsibility, as they do every four years, to elect new officers during the 139th Annual Session. The installation services for the new officers of the Convention and those of our auxiliaries were held on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dr. Serenus T. Churn Pastor.

Please permit me to express my appreciation to the pastors, ministers,

members and delegates of the GBSC for affording me the opportunity to serve you for the next four years as your Vice President At Large of the GBSC. I assure you that I do not take this privilege lightly.

The General Board will have 127 personalities who will make up the Board from across the state. I ask for the prayers of the General Baptist Family for the work of our Convention under the leadership of our President Dr. Gregory

K. Moss, Sr.

With our thoughts turning towards the Christmas Season, I pray that the blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you and your family during this special time of the year. I pray that the God of Heaven will continue to bless the churches of the GBSC and that we will be found working for the Kingdom using our time, talents and means. If at any time you wish to contact me, my email address is: shmbaptist@earthlink.net.

From the desk of the New First Vice-President

Dr. Nilous Avery, II, D. Min.
First Vice-President

"To [the General Baptist family], to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ ... Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of [God's] grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in [Christ] you have been enriched in every way. God, who has called you into fellowship with



Dr. Nilous
Avery, II

[the] Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful and will keep you strong to the end ..." (Romans 1: 2-5, 8-9, NIV).

Thanks be to God for the opportunity to serve with *A Passion for God & Compassion for People*. Thank you General Baptists for your overwhelming vote of confidence at the 139th Annual Session of our storied convention. As your new First Vice-President, I humbly and gratefully accept God's calling and your trust in our desire to *Glorify God & Edify Others*. We must be committed like never before to address needs of concern that impact and confront our communities, churches, associations, and convention.

I am committed to working with our new President Dr. Gregory Moss, Vice-Presidents Dr. Howard Parker, Dr. Leonzo

Lynch, Dr. Ricky Banks, Dr. J. Vincent Terry, other newly elected officers of our Convention, auxiliary officers, and all who work tirelessly as kingdom builders for God in Christ Jesus. The mantle of ministry and leadership is a charge to keep that involves a deep and sincere diligence. We must not take it lightly. The very lives and souls of humanity hang in the balance. We are commanded to be foot soldiers for the Master's military maneuvers in this spiritual warfare that pits Good against evil.

Words are not adequate to express the humility and gratitude that I have for such a time as this. Previous laborers who have served as First Vice-President, and most recently Dr. Howard Parker, have set a high standard of excellence. By the power, presence, and provision of God's abundant grace, I pledge to uphold that standard under the blood-stained banner of the resurrected Christ.

With the guidance of our anointed and appointed leader, our challenge is to specifically "assist the President in the operation of the Convention.

The immediate general goals of this ministry will be:

- constant and consistent efforts to improve in ministry for God;
- seek to develop a deep sensitivity to the needs of humanity;
- increase growth in the ability to articulate the Gospel in ways that are relevant, chal-

lenging, meaningful, and transcendent;

- encourage and lead all individuals, churches, and associations to support home missions through total stewardship,
- initiating and maintaining contact with General Baptists from Manteo to Murphy to encourage, enhance, and elevate active participation, effective communication, and joyful celebration through *Christian Education, Missions, and Benevolence*

We are indebted to the past, encouraged by the present, and excited about the future. Let us press on to meet the challenges that are before us. I am convinced that we will do all the good we can, in all the places we can, with all the means we can, as long as ever we can. Under the capable, anointed leadership of Dr. Moss, Parent Body Executive Secretary Dr. Haywood T. Gray, and WBH & FMC Executive Secretary Dr. Pricilla A. Brodie, we are pressing on the upward way!

ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS IS ASKED TO PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. **Deadline: December 31st, 2006.**

Thank you, General Baptists for the opportunity to serve God and humanity. "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen." (1 Corinthians 16:23-23, NIV).

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THEME: "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..." (II Corinthians 6:7)

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
3rd. Vice-President To GBSC

From the desk of the 3rd Vice President



Rev. Ricky Banks

Shaw University, founded in 1865, is the oldest historically black college in the south. Shaw is a private, coeducational liberal arts University affiliated with the Baptist Church. The University awards degrees at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Shaw University is committed to providing educational opportunities for a diverse population who otherwise might not have the opportunity for education.

The primary mission of the University is teaching with the commit-

ment to maintain excellence in research and academic programs that foster intellectual enhancement and technological skills. Additionally, the University stresses character development, which includes religious, cultural, social, and ethical values. Ultimately, Shaw University endeavors to graduate students with demonstrated competencies in their chosen fields of study.

Shaw University Divinity School contributes to the University's mission by offering theological education for clergy and laity. The mission statement for the Divinity School is as follows.

Shaw University Divinity School

provides Christian theological education dedicated to the preparation of clergy and laity for clinical, pastoral, and teaching/research ministry professions. The

Divinity School is committed to the development of a research institute whose focus is leadership in the "practice of ministry" in the

African American community, particularly in the African American Church.

Thought For The Month:

"God is on our side"

Psalms 124:1

TOP NEWS FROM SHAW UNIVERSITY:

Shaw University Creates Partnership with Second Northwest Nationality University of the People's republic of

China.

A WORD OF THANKS:

I would like to express my personal appreciation to the GBSC family for electing me as your 3rd vice-president to the Convention. Again, I say thank you.

A WORD OF INSPIRATION:

Thought For The Month: "GOD IS ON OUR SIDE" Psalms 124:1

God is on our side, can anyone be against us? God did not keep back his own Son, but he gave him for us. .. Christ died and was raised to life, and now he is at God's right side, speaking to him for us... I am sure that nothing can separate us from God's love—not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Laymen's League

Newly elected NC State Laymen's League Auxiliary officers

Theodore David
President, NC State Laymen's League Auxiliary

Greetings,

Following the official "Installation Of Officers" ceremony during the recent 139th General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Newly elected NC State Laymen's League Auxiliary officers are ready to begin meeting our objectives for the upcoming year. As you may recall, the Laymen met and

decided that certain objectives would be essential to the on-going life and growth of Laymen's League Auxiliary:

- Keep the Bible central to our Laymen's emphasis and study
- Partner with Association Moderators, Pastors, and Association Laymen League Presidents.
- Increase involvement and spiritual growth of State Laymen and Boys
- Increase Laymen involvement in

the Lott Carey Convention and the National Baptist Laymen's Movement.

- Increase the quality of Laymen's programming and Laymen's Christian Education Sessions.
- Strengthen the organizational structure of the State Laymen's League

Newly elected State Laymen Officers who have committed to help achieve those objectives are as follows:

- Theodore David – President
- Richmond Turner – 1st Vice President
- Gregory Gabriel – 2nd Vice President
- James Jeter – 3rd Vice President
- William Pointer – 4th Vice President
- Sam Greene – Secretary
- Nathaniel Daniels – Treasurer
- John Gladden – Immediate Past President
- Jarvis Morgan – Past President
- Frank Marshall – President Emeritus

Several moderators, pastors, and local laymen presidents have requested that State Laymen workshops be conducted at their churches during the next

few weeks. These churches have either recently organized their Local or Association Laymen Leagues or are attempting to do so in the near future. These

workshops are designed to provide a history of how the Laymen's Auxiliary was originally formed, its Christian purpose, function, structure, and on-going mission, objectives and programs. The State Laymen would be more than happy to also come to your Associations and Churches to present Laymen's Workshops at your requests.

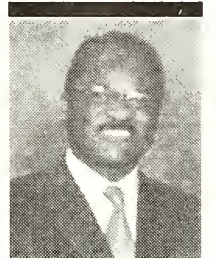
The next NC State Laymen's Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Dec. 9, 2007 at Watts Chapel Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC. We're incorporating a youth program that will encourage our youth to return and participate during our future meetings.

During this present age, we recognize the need for fervent prayer. Therefore, we're asking "All who know the worth of prayer" to sincerely pray for the NC State Laymen's work and specifically for all of our men and boys.

The NC State Laymen will we seek the Lord's leading in all that we attempt to accomplish for His Glory

In God's Service,

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Woman's Convention

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
President, WBH & FMC

We are in the season which emphasizes Christmas. We are reminded that God our Father in heaven has given the Great Gift for and to us who once were dead spiritually and those who are spiritually dead. If we receive this Gift of God, we have eternal life. Jesus is the reason for Christmas. Let us thank "the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light." For "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed (transferred) us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood the forgiveness of sins.... and by Him to reconcile all things to himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross." —Colossians 1:12-14, 20. Thus during this season and all during the year let us exemplify His life in us and by faith stand in the life of Jesus who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" —John 14:6, NKJV. "I gave My life, for thee—What vast thou given for me?" F.G. Havergal

**WHAT A GIFT FROM GOD!
HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

Reminders ONE DAY SESSION

Saturday, January 13, 2007 will be the One Day Session of the Woman's Baptist State Convention at the Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, beginning at 9:00 A.M. for Seniors, Young Adults and Youth. Year-Round and Conventional Committees may meet in the auditorium from 8:00 A.M.- 8:45 A.M. Chairpersons who desire to take advantage of this time should send a notice to the office by November 27, 2006 to be mailed to committee or fellowship members.

MISSIONS BUDGET

The Proposed Missions' Budget for 2006-2007 will be highlighted among the objectives.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. **In order to help us reach the State Missions Budget section, we earnestly suggest**

Christmas: Jesus, The Life Giver

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary Treasurer

that you please give 25% to 50% more than the suggested quota or intended gift, or at least please see to it that 2/3 of the funds which you send go to State Mission. Out of State Missions come all funds need for Conventions, Retreats, Conferences, Youth Bible Camp, Leadership Training Conference, Workshops, printing, staff salaries and benefits, rental for facilities, office supplies, office equipment, office operations, postage and other unnamed essentials. Without your committed and general hardly will the Woman's Convention be able to operate and minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

QUOTAS

Suggested financial quotas 2006-2007 should be sent out to church missionary circle presidents or a contact person. If your church does not receive a suggested quota by February 14, 2007, please write the Woman's Convention at P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. Or contact the Convention Office immediately at (919) 833-4823. Please give us the name of contact person, mailing addresses, telephone number and the location of church. Missionary Union, Auxiliaries and District Conferences will receive quotas this year also.

**Announcement (A New Ministry)!!!!
The WBH&FMC United Central & North Assembly
(All Persons, named in purpose, from Districts IV & VII)**

"Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."

II Corinthians 1:24

Introductory Statement: For many a year the Woman's Convention has envisioned having getting acquainted/visionary meetings in different regions across the state. Thus under the leadership of President Daniels, the Woman's Convention seeks to implement this initiative.

Purpose(s): To inform pastors, church circles, missionary county unions, district conferences, auxiliaries,

interested persons of the Mission of Jesus Christ through the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC, in assisting witnessing and missions-in action across the state, country, and globe

To allow interaction or dialogue between WBH&FMC officials/representatives and the above mentioned constituency in four (4) different settings across the state (one setting per quarter)

To renew and/or cultivate new partners of missions for the Cause of Jesus Christ through with the Woman's Convention

Date: February 3, 2007

Time: 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Place: Peace Baptist Church, Durham

Contact Person:
(Board member):
Telephone Number:
Suggested Format:
Inspirational Period
(local participants)
Greetings (local participants)
Presentation
(WBH&FMC officials/representatives)

Congregation
Interaction
Sermon (a local pastor)
Altar Call (a local pastor)

Benediction
(To be prepared by WBH&FMC)

Attendees: All above named persons in Districts IV & VII

Mrs. Eva Geer
919-544-275



Dr. Priscilla Brodie

District Chairpersons:

District	Group	Chairperson
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4	2	Mrs. Essie Haynes
4	3	Rev. Mildred Chambers
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This Christmas: Remember The Central Children's Home



Portia H.
Brandon

Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education
Coordinator/
Managing Editor

Amid the bustle and the buying, the eats and the treats, take time to rekindle the real spirit of the season.

The Christmas season is a time we spend looking forward to being with family and enjoying the warm traditions of the holidays with loved ones. For many children and youth in our convention, however, Christmas does not carry that same significance. For a variety of reasons and from all over our state, children and youth come to the Central Children's Home.

Some of them have been neglected in their own homes. Some are troubled teenagers who have been subjected to

untold abuse. Some have embarked on a wrong course in life that is not too late for them to correct. All of them lack the nurturing family environment familiar to so many of us.

But especially during the holidays, we should remember these children and youth in our churches whose lives have taken unexpected turns over situations that, in some cases, they could not control.

Though it is true that they lack the festive family environment that blesses many of us at Christmas, the Central Children's Homes is surrounded by General Baptist State Convention Family, and we wish them **A MERRY CHRISTMAS**, we offer them hope for a brighter future. Please call Brother Michael Alston, - (919) 693-7617 Ext 11, *Executive Director*, and offer your *assurances*.

Michael Alston, - (919) 693-7617 Ext 11 Executive Director

Mission Statement

The mission of the Central Children's Home is to provide family centered services via an appropriate period of residential group care for children and youth from ages 4-21, who cannot remain at home due to dependency, neglect or abuse; by providing a wholesome atmosphere that is conducive to their emotional, educational, social, spiritual and physical growth and development which promotes positive family functioning and/or independent living.

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Flatware Silver for Cafeteria
- (serve approximately: 100 people)
- (5 doz. spoons, forks each)
Twin Sheets Sets/Mattress Pads
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Bed Pillows/Plastic Covers
(7) - Shut-off Irons,
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(2) Microwaves
(7) DVD/VCR Video Combo Players
Hosiery (stockings/socks),
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Luggage (large/small)

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Michael Alston, - (919) 693-7617
Ext 11 *Executive Director*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To: Subscribers of the Baptist Informer
From: Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, Managing Editor
Date: November 11, 2006
Re: Renewing Your Subscription

Greetings and Peace! We hope that you have been enjoying the Baptist Informer with its wonderful articles and updates on the events within the churches of the General Baptist State Convention.

This announcement is to let you know that we are in the process of updating and correcting our database of subscribers to the Baptist Informer. Soon, we will be monitoring subscription expiration dates and ending subscriptions when they expire.

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For those that are current with your subscription: We ask that you check your mailing label and send in your renewal a month prior to your expiration date.

Currently, the renewal rate is \$20.00 per year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Portia Brandon at (919) 821-7466. Your contribution ensures that this needed ministry will continue. We appreciate and thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events

• **February 10, 2007**
Congress One Day Session
Benton Convention Center
Winston Salem, NC

• **February 24, 2007**
Ushers One Day Session
Benton Convention Center
Winston Salem, NC

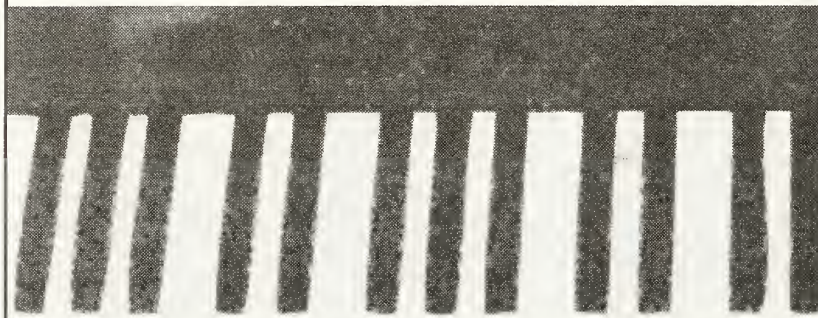
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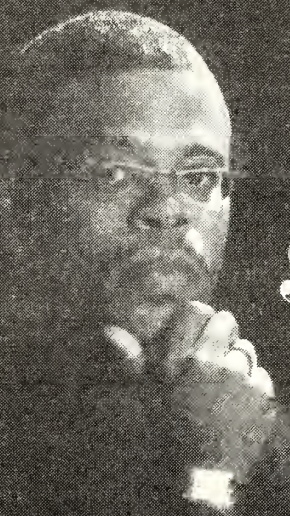
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What is State Missions anyway?

Excellent question! Think of State Missions as the gas that runs the car. Without gasoline (and without State Missions), the car won't run (and the Convention cannot operate). Our State Missions expenses fall into two categories: OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING.

OPERATIONS include:

Parent Body and Auxiliary Officers Honoraria and Expenses, Staff Salaries and Benefit, Attorneys, Accountants and Consultants Fees, Computer Maintenance, Office Supplies, Office Machines, Postage and Shipping, Property, Workers Comp, and General Liability Insurance, Printing of books, brochures, newspaper, announcements, programs, and flyers; Expenses to operate the Baptist Headquarters including gas, water, electricity, telephones, janitorial, trash disposal, security, and upkeep; Expenses to operate the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill including gas, electricity, telephones, custodial services, lawn upkeep and grass cutting, heating & air conditioning maintenance, plumbing, upkeep of swimming pool, and certified pool operators and life guards.

Expenses for each Session of the Parent Body and Auxiliaries which includes: Rental of facilities like convention centers, printing of materials for Sessions, preparation of registration kits and badges, staff travel to make arrangement for host pastors and host Churches, lodging for staff and special guests. Banquet costs including food, rental of space, service fees, mailings, publicity and advertising, awards and plaques.

ALMOST \$700,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS EACH YEAR. ALMOST \$160,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR PROGRAMMING EACH YEAR.

**GENERAL BAPTIST STATE
CONVENTION OF NORTH CAR-
OLINA INC
THE 2007 CALENDAR**

Christian
Education VBS Workshop
(2 PM)
J J Johnson Assembly,
Laurel Hill, NC

4-8 WBH & FMC Leadership
Training Conference,
Baptist Assembly,
Laurel Hill

B.A.-Laurel Hill, NC
SEPTEMBER

3 Labor Day

3-7 127th National Baptist
Convention, USA
Philadelphia, PA

8 Laymen's Men's Retreat,
J. J. Johnson B. A.-
Laurel Hill, NC

22 WBH & FMC Family
Missions Conference

**JANUARY
(Prayer Month for
STATE MISSIONS)**

**APRIL
(Prayer Month for FOREIGN
MISSIONS)**

1 New Year's Day

12 GBSC Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. Memorial
Banquet
Greenville, NC

13 WBH & FMC One-Day
Session, Greenville
Convention
Center, Greenville

15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
Birthday

22-25 National Baptist
Convention, USA, Inc.
Mid-Winter Board Session
Birmingham, Al

1 Palm Sunday

6 Good Friday

8 Easter Sunday

9 Easter Monday

13 Laymen's Banquet (Mid
Annual) Greater First
Baptist, Fayetteville

14 Laymen's Mid-Annual
Session-Greater First
Baptist, Fayetteville

13-14 GBSC Congress
Singles/Marriage
Conference (6 PM)

9 Laymen's Study
Commission-Mt Zion,
Asheville, NC

10 - 15 WBH & FMC First Week
of Youth Bible Camp,
Baptist Assembly,
Laurel Hill

17 Father's Day

17-22 WBH & FMC Second Week
of Youth Bible Camp
Baptist Assembly,
Laurel Hill

18-23 National Baptist Congress
of Christian Education
St. Louis, MO

23 Missions Prayer Day
(County Unions, et. al.)

24-29 WBH & FMC Third Week
of Youth Bible Camp
Baptist Assembly,
Laurel Hill

25-27 GBSC Congress Oratorical
Conference
Winston Salem State

**OCTOBER
(Prayer Month for SHAW UNI-
VERSITY and
SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL)**

13 WBSC Institute Workers'
Workshop, Baptist
Headquarters, 10:00 A.M.

28 GBSC Annual Session
(October 28-November 1)

NOVEMBER

1 GBSC Annual Session

3 Youth Evangelism
Conference

6 Election Day

6 World Day of Prayer
(BWA-Woman's
Department)

11 YBC & LTC Meeting,
Baptist Headquarters

22 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

8 Laymen's Study
Commission, Mt Zion 1st
Baptist, Rocky Mount, NC

25 Christmas Day

**FEBRUARY
(Prayer Month for
NATIONAL MISSIONS)**

4-7 Shaw University Religious
Emphasis Week

9 GBSC Congress of
Christian Education Staff
Meeting (7 PM)

10 GBSC One Day Session of
Christian Education
(8:30 am)
Winston Salem, NC

14 Valentine's Day

21 Ash Wednesday

22-24 National Baptist Congress
Married Couples
Conference
Baton Rouge, LA

24 Usher's One Day Session,
(8:30) Winston Salem

14 State-Wide Leaders'
Workshop,

Easter

19-21 National Baptist Congress
Singles Conference
Jacksonville, FL

MAY

5 WBH & FMC Ministers'
Wives and Widows
Weekend Retreat

8, 9 GBSC Mid-Year Session

11 Shaw University
Baccalaureate

12 Shaw University
Commencement

13 Mother's Day

19 Laymen's Mini Skill
Conference, J. J. Johnson
Baptist Assembly

JULY

4 July Fourth Holiday

18-20 Annual Trinity Session
(TBA)

20-21 Laymen's Men & Boys
Retreat, J. J. Johnson
Baptist Assembly

22-26 Woman's Baptist Home and
Foreign Missionary
Convention
Winston-Salem, NC

Executive Board Meeting,
10:00 A.M.

**AUGUST
(Prayer Month for THE FAMILY)**

12-17 Lott Carey Baptist Foreign
Mission Convention
New Orleans, LA

25 Laymen's Scouting
Camporee, J. J. Johnson

MARCH

10 Laymen's Study Commission-
1st Baptist Lawndale, NC

24 GBSC Congress of

28 Memorial Day

JUNE

2 WBH & FMC Young Adult
Retreat



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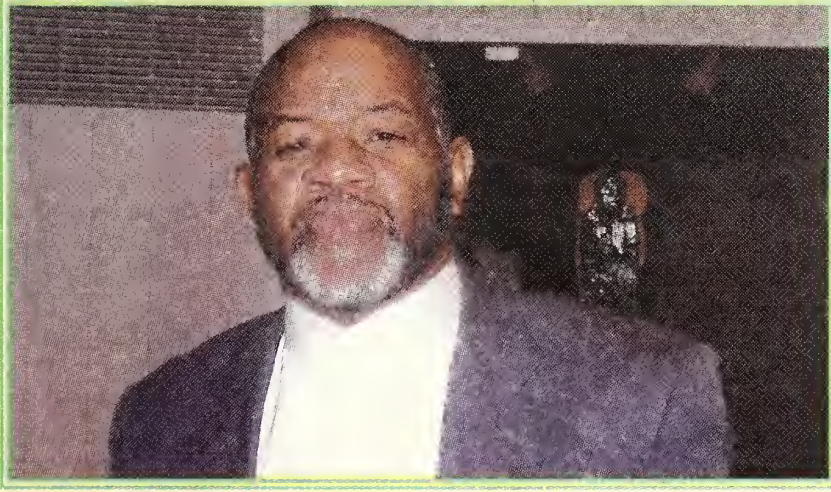
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In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Sisters and Brothers

Helen Viola Wilson Falls

Sept. 18, 2006

Mrs. Helen Viola Wilson Falls, 91, of 2037 E. 17th St., Winston-Salem, passed away Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, at Forsyth Medical Center. She was born to Isaac Washington and Louise Blackstock Wilson on Aug. 26, 1915, in



Winston-Salem. She was educated in the Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County public-school system and Slater-Normal (WSSU), receiving her bachelor's degree in elementary education, N.C. A&T State University; receiving her master's degree in rural education; and furthered her graduate studies in Chicago, New York and Michigan. Mrs. Falls worked in early childhood education for more than 30 years, retiring as the director of Child Development (Head Start) for Family Services Inc., and served on several state boards and advisory committees for Child Development. A member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, she was a Sunday-school teacher for more than 60 years. She was a president emeritus of the Missionary Circle and a member of the Baptist Training Union. She held chairmanships in the Rowan Baptist Women's Auxiliary, Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, and the National Baptist Convention, USA, and Forsyth County Baptist Training Union. She organized the Mount Zion Day Care Center. She was also organizer of the Southeast Region of National Women of Achievement, Inc. (NWOA) and a former president of the Winston-Salem chapter, former Southeast regional director, and former chaplain, second vice president and member-at-large for the national body. She was preceded in death by her parents, Isaac Washington and Louise Blackstock Wilson; her husband of 64 years, James Monroe Falls; children Isaac Monroe Falls and Clarence Wendell Falls.

Rev. Marcus L. Vann

October 6, 2006

The funeral for the Rev. Marcus Lee Vann of 475 McGhee's Mill Rd., who died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006 at his home, was conducted at noon today, Oct. 11, in Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church by the Rev. Henry Busby. Burial in the church cemetery.

The Rev. Vann was a native of Hertford County, the son of Verna Vann of Winton, who survives.

He was a graduate of North Carolina Central University.

He was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, president of the Ministers and Deacons Union of the Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association and served as pastor of the Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church for the past 11 years.

He was also a member of Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Durham.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Jacqueline Pierce Vann; a son, Marcus Lee Vann Jr. of Kernersville; a daughter Jasmine Brannon and husband, Jomon, of Greensboro; and a granddaughter, Jazlyn Brannon of Greensboro.

Mrs. Wilma Clayton Bryant

October 1, 2006



Wilma Virginia Dare Clayton Bryant died Oct. 1 of a heart attack. She was 88 and quoted Hughes liberally to the end.

Bryant was born in Person County in 1918. Growing up, she was always well-read. She came from a family that prided itself on reciting pithy bits of literature from memory. Bryant and her relatives quoted poetry the way kids today trade lines from blockbuster movies.

She began college at what is now N.C. Central University and graduated from N.C. A&T. Later, she earned a master's degree in English from NCCU. She married but never had children.

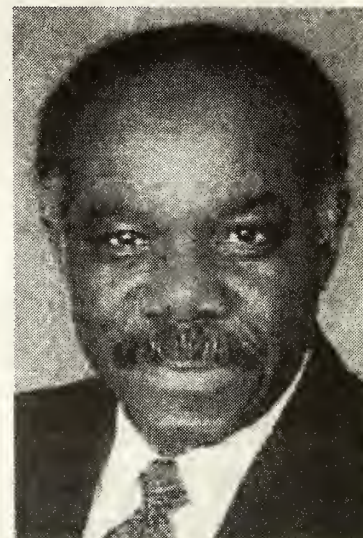
An English teacher, Bryant began teaching African-American literature at the all-black Person County High School. When black and white school systems merged, she continued teaching the course at an integrated school. In the late 1960s, before integration, Bryant concocted a plan to take a bus full of high school seniors on an annual literary excursion to New York City.

Black high schools typically had books and supplies far inferior to those of their white counterparts. Bryant thought a black heritage field trip would help make up for the imbalance. She exposed her students, most of them poor and from farming backgrounds, to Broadway plays and cultural sites. She took them to Harlem to see the homes of the African-American authors she revered.

She heard her own family's challenges echoed in those the authors described lyrically.

"It was about the struggles and the overcoming of the struggles," said Pearlie James, who was a student of Bryant's. "We look back to see where we came from and see how we made it to the point we're at."

She engaged in that sort of reflection the week before she died. In the hospital one day, she said: "My soul has grown deep like the rivers."



State Rep. Bernard Allen dies

October 13, 2006

The legislator, who had a stroke last month, was an advocate for poor families and black teachers

State Rep. Bernard Allen, a legislator with a reputation for fighting for the underdog, died Friday just weeks before he would have been re-elected to his third term. He was 69.

Allen, a retired teacher who lived in Southeast Raleigh, died when a blood clot entered his lung Friday night, killing him instantly, according to the House administrative clerk.

After suffering a mild stroke in late September, he had been recuperating at WakeMed. Friends and family say he kept working from his bed until his very last hours.

Allen worked as a high school teacher and administrator for years, retiring as assistant superintendent for Vance County schools. As a legislator, Allen worked to get more state money for St. Augustine's and NCCU, as well as other historically black colleges. In October, the NCCU alumni association made him a member of its Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Vivian Sneed Allen; two sons, Bernard II of Raleigh and Andre of Greensboro; and a grandson.

Under state law, Democratic leaders in District 33 must pick a replacement candidate, who would be all but guaranteed to win the election. Allen's name will still appear on the ballots, which have already been printed.

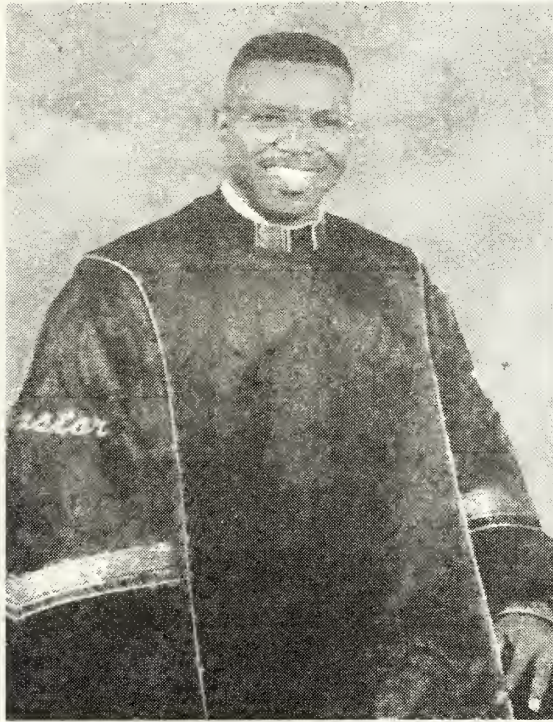
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Shiloh Baptist Church
Winston Salem North Carolina

Dr. Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Pastor

The Rev. Erich V. Williams, 41, pastor of New St. Paul Baptist Church of Eden, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006. The Rev. Williams was born in Houston, Texas, on Oct. 14, 1965, and was the son of Jimmie Williams and the late Edward Williams. He was a teacher at Atkins High School. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Dr. Felicia Williams; mother Jimmie Williams; and daughters Lakeshia Armstrong, Tahrencia Williams and Sydney Williams. He will be missed by his family, friends and the New St. Paul Baptist Church family. Funeral services was



Rev. Erich V. Williams
October 14, 2006

held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.



The Rev. Dr. James
Bernard "J.B." Crandol Sr.

October 28, 2006

The Rev. Dr. James Bernard "J.B." Crandol Sr. was born on May 28, 1928 to the late William L. and Hattie Moore Crandol in Pactolus. He transcended from this temporary life to a heavenly place on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 in Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville. The funeral service was conducted on Friday at noon at Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 1001 Hooker Rd., Greenville with the Rev. Dr. C.B. Gray, Pastor, officiating. Dr. Crandol was educated in the public schools of Pitt County. Upon graduation he attended Shaw University in Raleigh. In 1988 he received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from The Shaw University Divinity School. He accepted Christ at a very early age at the Triumph Missionary Baptist Church, Washington, N.C.

He accepted his calling to the Ministry in 1948 and continued for 58 years. For several years he shepherded Pilot Missionary Baptist Church, Zebulon and Hayes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Pactolus. He most recently pastored at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Arapahoe until his retirement in November, 2005, after 53 years of service. He continued as pastor of the Moore's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Bonneron, until God called him home. He had been dedicated in working with numerous organizations in the church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge Star of the East Lodge #233 of Pactolus.

His service will greatly be missed. His love and passion for people was evident in his ministry.

Dr. James Bernard Crandol Sr., affectionately called "Sweetenboy," leaves a legacy of love to his loving, devoted wife, Reatha, of 57 precious years; six devoted daughters, Renee Atkins and husband, James, of Stamford, Conn., Carlnetta Wiggins of the home, Loretta Cofield and husband, William, of Pactolus, Bonita Stephenson and husband, Joseph, of Burlington, Monique Crandol of Greenville, Joan Jones and husband, Jerome, of Pactolus; four dedicated sons, James Bernard Jr. of Bessemer, Ala., David and wife, Betty, of Raleigh, Ronnie and wife, Phyllis, of Pactolus, Tobias and wife, Teresa, of Pactolus; 17 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a brother, Daniel Crandol of Tarboro; four sisters, Mary Perkins of Tarboro, Ruth Glover and husband, James, of Tarboro, Naomi Moore of Greenville, and Joan Smith and husband, Jimmie, of Greenville; an uncle, John Henry Fleming of Pactolus; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

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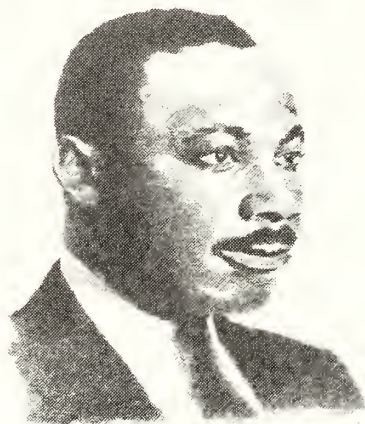
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A Day To Celebrate - December 6 • The Ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment

And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD. Exodus 6:8.

What is the date on which African American slaves were freed in America? December 6, 1865.

Every year on December 6, we should celebrate the most significant date in African-American history - the 141st anniversary of the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the historic proviso that officially ended slavery in America.

On that date in 1865, the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment accomplished something that neither the Emancipation Proclamation nor Juneteenth Day could do; it declared the nonexistence of slavery in the United States as the "sovereign will of the people". Many of us assume that African American slaves were freed under Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863. In fact, the Emancipation Proclamation freed no slaves in the states that remained in the Union. It did purport to free slaves in the territories that rebelled against the Union. And, in at least one of those states, Texas, the slaves did not learn of their 1863 granted freedom until the Union Army arrived there on June 19, 1865—thus, setting off what is now celebrated by some as Juneteenth Day.

But the constitutional prohibition of slavery in America did not come about until Congress began the ratification-by-the-states process with a bill passed in January 1865. With Georgia's approval on December 6, 1865 (the amendment

was proclaimed on December 18, 1865 and signed by Lincoln on February 1, 1866), two-thirds of the states had ratified this bill, which became the Thirteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution with the following text:

Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

To be sure, in drafting the original constitution, the Framers avoided using the word "slavery". Instead, they chose to base political representation in the House of Representatives on the population of "free Persons" in each State and three-fifths of all "other Persons". Intentionally, the Framers offered no explanation for the sanctioning of slavery and the Declaration of Independence conflicting language that "all men are created equal" who are "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights" among which are "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Nor was there any ambiguity as to whether the original constitution's phrase "We the People" included slaves. The United States Supreme Court made it clear in the 1857 *Dred Scott* case that Negroes were not included and were not intended to be included.

They had for more than a century before been regarded as an inferior order, and altogether unfit to associate with the white race . . . ; and so far inferior, that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect; and that the

Negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit . . . [A]ccordingly, a Negro of the African race was regarded . . . as an article of property, and held, and brought and sold as such . . .

Neither the Emancipation Proclamation nor Juneteenth Day overruled the *Dred Scott* decision. Plus, the attempt by the Emancipation Proclamation to abolish slavery in some areas remained subject to constitutional challenge, and did not preclude the institutionalization of slavery in other areas in America. To abolish slavery, America had to change the Constitution so as to align the laws of this country with the ideals embodied in the Declaration of Independence. Regarding the importance of the Thirteenth Amendment in American history, Professor Sherrilyn Ifill of Maryland University School of Law comments:

The significance of the 13th Amendment cannot be overstated. It (1) formed the basis for our understanding of the rights of due process, equal protection and voting guaranteed under the 14th and 15th amendments, (2) canceled the shameful contradiction between the Preamble's inclusion of "We the People" and Article I, section 2's exclusion of some of those people as only three-fifths of a person, and (3) separated the high democratic ideals expressed by the original Framers from the inherent immorality of slavery.

Thus, in ratifying the Thirteenth Amendment, our nation embraced a legal and cultural abhorrence to involuntary servitude. All Americans should celebrate December 6 as an aspiration of this nation's commitment to the self-evident truth that, "All men are created equal."

This year, let us begin our holiday season on December 6 by remembering the 141st anniversary of the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment. It is a sacred day for us that should be celebrated with solemnity and sincerity — perhaps by lighting a single electric candle in the front windows of our homes. (Now wouldn't that be something to see — the homes through our neighborhoods on December 6 with a single electric candle burning in the front window to commemorate God's deliverance of us from bondage). Maybe we can offer God a special prayer of thanks for having released us from hundreds of years of bondage. Or maybe we can join hands at our churches in remembrance of our ancestors.

In any event, we should do something. December 6 is an African-American day for celebrating the perseverance of their ancestors, and an All-American day for celebrating the victory of the human spirit over the cruelties of slavery. The day hails for our children and the world the profound proclamation that our constitution is a living document that embodies the sovereign will of a moral nation. And it hails a most meaningful occasion to sing the old Negro spiritual,

"Free At Last, Free At Last. Thank God Almighty; we are Free At Last."

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603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.*

Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Vacancy Advertisement

Qualifications:

- Born again Christian.
- Lives a sincere Christian life
- Ordained by Baptist Denomination
- Honest good role model of moral conduct
- Is faithful in doing and carrying out the functions of the church and has the ability to teach and preach God's word.
- Pastoral worship every Sunday
- Has Training in Theological and/or seminary
- Working experience with all age groups in church
- Family and community oriented
- Believes/abides by Baptist Doctrines and

- Church Covenant and is supportive of the General Baptist State Convention
- Ability to enhance spiritual and intellectual growth of the church
- Exemplify good communication, leadership, administrative and counseling ability
- Visionary and trained in setting goals for the continued growth of the church
- Pastoral experience of at least 3-5 years
- Must be willing to submit to background check
- References/resume

Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church Pastoral Search Committee

Attention: Deacon LeRoy Crowder, Jr., Chairman • P O Box 1162 • Hamlet, N. C. 28345

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church • 501 Burke Street • Monroe, N C

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a Minister of Music. The applicant should possess a passion for God, His Word, and people.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. Born again Christian, Spirit-filled and gifted in music.
2. Ability to prepare choirs for Sunday morning worship services and other services.
3. Ability to teach music and conduct workshops
4. Rehearse with all choirs of the church once a week
5. Accompany pastor, choirs on engagements to other churches
6. Ability to select appropriate hymns and songs for worship services
7. Must be available for all Sunday worship services
8. Work with all choirs, especially children and youth choirs

Interested persons should send a letter of interest, resume and a recorded tape or CD of work to:

Music Committee
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
P O Box 945
Monroe, NC 28111

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

St John Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Herbert C. Scott, Pastor

We are interested in Minister of Music

Qualifications:

- Christian
- Good Leadership ability
- Dependable
- Ability to work with all age groups
- Open-minded
- Ability to read music, and play by ear.

Job Description

- Assist the pastor in planning church services
- Teach and train a diverse group of choirs
- Accompany the pastor and choirs to other church functions
- Supervise the work of other musicians in the church
- Assist families in music for weddings, and funeral
- Perform other duties as assigned

Send resume and letter of reference(s) to:

St John Missionary Baptist Church
Attention Music Ministry Committee
PO Box 119
Red Oak, NC 27868

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